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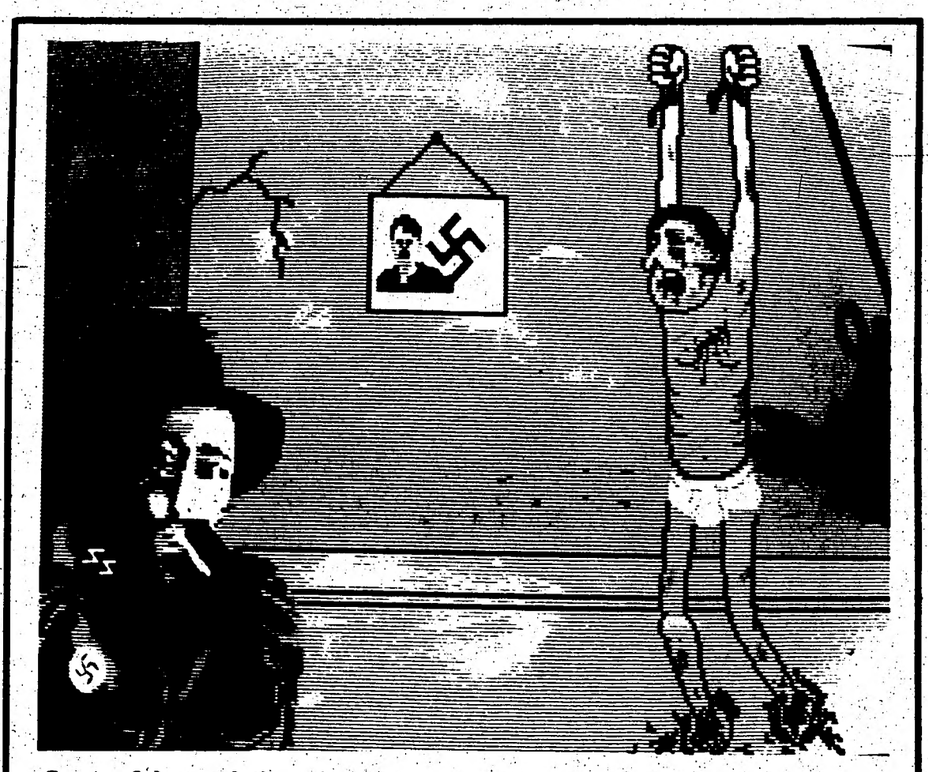

Successful completion of questions in the neo-Nazi computer game, KZ Manager, allows participants to graduate to the rank of Gestapo agent and torture unfortunate victims, as this scene from the game indicates. [Photo courtesy of Simon Wiesenthal Centre]

Soviet soothes Israel's fears

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

There was no accord, but also no discord to mar Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh's historic visit to Israel May 10.

Israelis were disappointed that the hoped-for announcement of Moscow's resumption of full diplomatic ties with the Jewish state did not materialize.

But neither did their fears that the highest-ranking Soviet official ever to visit Israel would hold Soviet Jewish aliya hostage to Israel's abandonment of settlement-building in the territories.

Before coming here, Bessmertnykh told reporters in Amman, Jordan, that he did "not rule out" that possibility.

But in his public statements here at a joint news conference with Foreign Minister David Levy and after his talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Bessmertnykh seemed deliberately to avoid repeating the threat or anything approaching it.

On the contrary, he assured the Israelis that Jewish emigration would continue unfettered, describing it as an aspect of the general democratization of Soviet society.

Amity, not calamity, was the tone of the Soviet diplomat's brief sojourn here.

Bessmertnykh, in fact, seemed to take pains to avoid crossing swords publicly with Israel, while on Israeli soil, on any of the issues of dispute between the two governments.

He referred to these in general terms. Both he and Levy spoke of areas of accord and other areas "on which work still needs to be done."

Both men sought to project an evolving atmosphere of co-operation between their governments. They spoke of ongoing regular consultations in the future, of joint projects in scientific and technological areas and of Bessmertnykh's visit here as a milestone toward full normalization of relations.

Shamir, reporting Sunday to the cabinet on his own lengthy conversation with Bessmertnykh, said he had stressed to the visitor that there should be no link between aliya and settlements. He pointed out that Israel is not directing the Soviet newcomers to live in the territories.

Shamir said Bessmertnykh underscored UN Security Council Resolution 242 as the basis of future peacemaking, to which the prime minister responded that Israel has its own interpretation of that resolution.

Shamir said he had stressed Israel's objection to any role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in peace diplomacy, and to the participation of the United Nations in the proposed conference. The conference, he said, should not be an ongoing forum but rather a one-time event.

In an address Sunday to new immigrants in Jerusalem, Shamir spoke of Bessmertnykh's visit as a "historical day."

"For the first time in Israel, a guest of such seniority from the Soviet Union held political talks with representatives of the Israeli government, as equals among equals," he said.

"We discussed the peace process with him and explained to him that thus far Israel has demonstrated willingness for peace and has made more than a few concessions in order to bring about direct negotiations.

"Not so the Arabs. They have shown no sign of sincere and true willingness for peace and for accepting Israel," Shamir said.

"We told our guest from the Soviet Union that we thank his government for opening its borders and enabling the exit of Jews, and he promised that there is no future intention to limit emigration or close the exit gates."

Customs ban sought on computer games

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Neo-Nazi computer games that denigrate Jews and Turks and promote their mass murder should be stopped at the border as hate propaganda, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said last week.

In a letter to Minister of National Revenue Otto Jelinek, Sol Littman said the games should be intercepted by Canada Customs officials before they enter Canada.

Littman told a news conference that neo-Nazis may attempt to package and sell the games in Canada through any of 12 mail-order houses or in fringe computer stores. If they cannot be stopped at the border, distributors should be charged under federal anti-hate legislation, he said, adding he did not know if any of the games were yet available in Canada.

The games, which are being distributed by an underground neo-Nazi network in Germany and Austria (and may have reached Holland) will probably not be difficult to bring into the country, Littman conceded, since computer software is easily transferable through a modem (a telephone link between computers).

The government should alert parents to be wary about the games their children are playing, he said.

"This propaganda is aimed at them, and if unchallenged, become absorbed and integrated into their thinking."

Rick Eaton, who researches neo-Nazi groups for the Los Angeles office of the Wiesenthal Centre, said the games have been available since the mid-1980s and are being used as a new medium by which their philosophy is circulated.

He said he easily brought eight of the 140 known games, as well as a computer, through Canadian Customs last week without being stopped.

He said the games, which originated among neo-Nazis, are now available in more mainstream circles. A survey published recently in the Austrian press showed that 39 per cent of the youth in Salzburg knew of the games and 22 per cent had played them (CJN May 9).

A typical question in one game, "Anti-Turk Test," asks why Turks have black hair. One of the four possible answers is "because they never wash it."

Another question asks "Why do the Turks smell so?" while in the game, KZ (concentration camp) Manager, one question asks where Turks are found.

The possible answers are: "on discarded park benches; underneath manholes; in garbage containers, all the way down; in whorehouses; in social welfare offices; or in the concentration camp."

The goal of the game in "Turk Test" is to know a Turkish worker by smell and appearance, to gas them and turn them into dog food.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R.-N.Y.) wrote last week to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, urging them to invoke hate crimes statutes against the distribution of the games.

The senator also asked the U.S. Customs Service to consider banning their import into the country. Bill Anthony, a spokesman for the service, said the agency is trying to determine whether such a ban can be enforced without violating First Amendment guarantees of free speech.

TORAH COMPLETION CEREMONY

David and Nolene Maresky look over the shoulder of Rabbi Tzvi Fleisher at the Torah completion ceremony held recently at Kehillat Shaarei Torah. With the Mareskys are children Hillel, Lance and Zak and Allan S. Cooper, president of the congregation. See story page 22. [Josh Figa photo]

Counselling still allowed

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The new Health Professions legislation will not bar staff members of agencies such as the Jewish Family and Child Service from giving counselling help to the public, Premier Bob Rae told the agency's annual meeting recently.

He was responding to a questioner who expressed concern about a bill now before the legislature and due for third reading in the fall.

"We're not interested in doing anything like that," Premier Rae said. "If you are worried about the wording, we'll find wording that is acceptable to you."

But on two other issues, the premier's remarks were not so positive. He said he is still opposed to government aid for Jewish day schools. "I'm not supportive at this point for tax-funded support to private schools, religious or otherwise. If such schools can work out an arrangement with local boards of education, it's okay."

In an effort to cut mounting health costs, the premier said those residents who are out of Ontario for months at a time will be required to pay higher premiums for their health insurance to help pay the bills for out-of-province coverage.

He praised the Toronto Jewish community for its leadership in providing improved services for the elderly, noting that synagogues are in the field of non-profit housing.

He said it is his government's policy to help people to live at home, or as close to home as possible, and to age with dignity.

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Canada

Community, police discuss issue of youth gang violence

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Neo-Nazi youth gangs — who are these people? And what can be done about the increase in anti-Semitic incidents?

Examining these questions at a Sunday breakfast meeting at Adas Israel Synagogue here, a panel of experts had some disturbing findings as well as some positive suggestions.

To take the latter first, both Lorne Shipman, director, B'nai Brith Canada League for Human Rights, and Mike Webber, race relations officer, Hamilton-Wentworth regional police, felt confident that by working together, and with the cooperation and vigilance of the Jewish community, the problem of neo-Nazi youth gangs can be fought.

Both urged the community to report each and every incident to the police or the League so that, as Shipman put it, "we can respond effectively."

And as Webber pointed out, although the department is over 900 strong, "your police can't be everywhere. We need your eyes and ears to help us."

The third member of the panel was Eileen Morrow, public educator at Interval House, a shelter for abused women and children.

Lest anyone wondered "what the topic has to do with me," Morrow explained that her work is concerned with violence against women and children, specifically, violence against women by their partners.

"It may seem strange that this has a lot to do with neo-Nazis and skinheads, but there is evidence," Morrow asserted, "that these things are very clearly connected."

The value system of people who victimize women and children "is based on the same beliefs that produces neo-Nazi youth," the belief, Morrow said, "that power is control . . . which is then used to control the lives of other people."

She was talking, she said, about human rights abuse. Abusive men believe very strongly in the "structure of hierarchy in their lives," that they should have power over and be in control of their family.

By the time children come to the shelter, they have already absorbed that value system and while they may protect their mothers at home, Morrow said she has seen boys as young as five and six years old "become the controllers" at the shelter, abusing their mothers and using "exactly the same language and tactics" as their fathers.

"It seems to me," Morrow stated, "that male children are at the highest risk."

In such families boys learn early the words that define women, words, she said, that are used to "turn women into objects to be controlled and dominated" and which can also be used to "objectify and dehumanize groups of people and individuals."

They learn "oppression, violence, humiliation, intimidation, threatening . . . all tactics to achieve submission of their victims" who in turn, learn to be submissive by compliance.

They also, she remarked, learn to blame their victims.

Changing these values is very difficult and rather than using individual treatment and therapy, Morrow believes that only social change and education will eventually lead to "equality of all human beings."

Shipman commended Hamilton-Wentworth regional police for its second arrest recently in connection with the desecration of graves in Temple Anshe Sholom cemetery.

There has been a dramatic rise in anti-Semitic incidents in recent years and in Toronto alone, he noted, there have been 70 incidents during and since the Gulf War.

Citing a long list of cities and towns across Canada and the United States where such incidents have taken place, Shipman was convinced that they are all "interconnected."

Webber estimated that Hamilton has at least 100 skinheads, with perhaps a further "three submembers" per member, "so that we're looking at probably 300."

They live in every area of the city but generally keep quiet and do not want to be noticed, because "keeping quiet allows them to grow."

He described their dress, high Doc Martin boots laced up the front, shaven heads, tattoos and combat fatigues, but cautioned that "not everyone wearing combat fatigues is a skinhead."

Police have formed a number of units to combat the problem of youth gangs; they have officers who infiltrate the gangs, special squad officers "in each and every station," and in every one "at least two officers working through the night, watching for skinheads."

The meeting was chaired by Rose Paikin, Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO public affairs chairman, and sponsored by Adas Israel men's Club in conjunction with Hamilton Supporters of Israel and Grand Order of Israel.

MCDOUGALL ATTENDS HOSPITAL BRUNCH

Canada's new Minister of State for External Affairs, Barbara McDougall, was guest of honor at a brunch last week hosted by the Toronto Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. McDougall, who was honored as A Woman for Israel pledged her support of the Jewish state. With here are (from left) Harvey Solursh, the foundation's immediate past president, and co-presidents Renee Solursh and Izzie Abrams. Guest speaker was Shira Herzog Bessin, national vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee. Proceeds from the brunch will benefit the pediatrics department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. [Lia Falzon photo]

Thornhill residents disturbed with Jehovah Witnesses' visits

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress says it has received a number of complaints about Jehovah's Witnesses ringing doorbells of Jewish homes on Shabbat.

The Witnesses often go door to door on Saturdays in Jewish neighborhoods in Thornhill, especially in Spring Farm, a largely Orthodox enclave, says CJC's Bernie Farber.

The Witnesses offer publications like *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* and seem undeterred when ringing doorbells of homes with mezuzot, Farber adds.

Residents, at least those not in shul, have complained about being disturbed on Shabbat by people they believe are selling their literature, Farber says.

"We're frankly surprised by these complaints. Although we've known for a while that Jehovah's Witnesses proselytize to the general community, their targetting of Jews, especially on Shabbat, seems disconcerting," Farber said.

But the Witnesses say they're doing nothing untoward.

For one, they state emphatically that they do not solicit money when going door to door.

"We offer our material for people who want to read it. We accept donations [but] we don't ask for money," Wayne Trubyk, public relations director for the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Canada, told The CJN.

"Our prime objective is to spread the message of the Bible and the Gospels and we choose to do that door to door. We use discretion. We don't force ourselves on people."

Trubyk said the Witnesses aren't out to convert Jews specifically.

"We go after all cultures, all religions. We are a worldwide ministry."

He said the Witnesses "rarely" receive requests from people not to ring doorbells or knock on Saturdays.

"But people move, so sometimes we go back and check if someone new lives there."

Trubyk said the organization respects individual requests to skip certain homes.

He estimates there are as many as 200,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada and four million worldwide.

Metro Police apologize for remark made about Jews during drug trial

TORONTO —

Metro Toronto police have apologized for one of its officer's derogatory remark about Jews during a recent drug trial.

The officer, Paul Rossiter, was tesifying that in an undercover operation, he approached the accused to buy some cocaine.

On hearing the price from the accused, Rossiter said he "tried to jew him down, to get the price a little lower."

The remark merited a strong lecture from the judge, Ted Matlow, who is Jewish, and led to a testy exchange between him and the officer [CJN, April 4].

And court transcripts show Rossiter seemed to have no appreciation of why the term is offensive to Jews. At one point, he offered an apology to Matlow, who said he didn't want an apology if Rossiter didn't know what he was apologizing for.

In the incident's wake, several letters of protest were sent to Metro Police chief William McCormack.

One of them was from lawyer Bert Raphael, head of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada, who called on McCormack to reprimand Rossiter.

Last month, Raphael received a response from Deputy Chief of Police William Kerr.

"In a philosophical manner, I believe that the question of intent always has to be taken into consideration in matters such as this," Kerr wrote. "A full and thorough investigation into the matter has been conducted and I am quite satisfied that there was no wilful intent on the part of the officer to demean or stereotype any community ... it was an unfortunate misuse of a term that is totally unacceptable and most certainly improper.

"Let me assure you," Kerr continued, "that all steps have been taken to ensure greater sensitivity in matters such as this and, if I may, I would suggest to you that this force always has shown a tremendous amount of respect for the Jewish community in Metropolitan Toronto.

"I believe that in this instance the judge in question accentuated the matter rather than correcting it, as he should have done. I say this as a personal opinion. However, on behalf of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, I apologize for the inappropriate remark."

Raphael told The CJN he thought the apology was "left-handed."

"The way he [Kerr] comes across, [Rossiter's remark] was made in innocence. That to me is no excuse. If a cop of 20 years' experience says that, he needs more training.

"But at least they responded. In this day and age, what more can you expect?"

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Rae's Yiddish a hit at meeting

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

In 10 years of marriage to the former Arlene Perly, Premier Bob Rae has learned enough Yiddish to delight the annual meeting of the Jewish Family and Child Service recently.

"Forgive me for telling you about my tzores," the premier said, noting that the province's revenues were down by $400 million last year.

When Rae mentioned that his grandmother in Riverdale hospital is 104 years old, a member of the audience said, "kin ain ahora" and the premier responded: "Exactly, and I can tell you that she voted for me in the last election."

Attempting to deal with Ontario's budget woes in a lighthearted manner, Rae said, "I wanted to be premier in the worst way, and that's exactly what happened. Sometimes I wonder why I was elected and how I was elected, but I know I was not elected to raise taxes and cut services."

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Israel dedicated to peace policy: Levy

By
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TORONTO —
The peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not only Israel's dream but its policy, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy declared last week at a community rally.

Calling on the Arab world to enter into direct talks with Israel, Levy said Israel is "fed up" with the cycle of war and the enslavement of its economy by the Middle East arms race.

"Israel says yes to peace," asserted Levy, adding that Arab leaders have "a responsibility to prove" they seek a diplomatic solution.

Levy, who is also deputy prime minister, delivered his comments at Adath Israel Congregation, first at a press conference and then at a rally attended by a capacity crowd estimated at 1,300.

The event was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress in co-operation with B'nai Brith, Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Sephardi Federation, Canadian Zionist Federation, Jewish Students Network, Ontario Sephardi Association and Toronto Jewish Congress/United Israel Appeal Canada.

Representatives from the Polish, German, Italian, Jamaican, Portuguese and Sikh communities, as well as local, provincial and federal politicians, were in attendance.

During his crowded day, Levy, who was here on a private visit, paid courtesy calls on Canadian External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall in Ottawa and on Ontario Premier Bob Rae in Toronto.

Levy — the first Israeli foreign minister of Sephardi origin — expressed his condolences to the parents of Marnie Kimelman, the Toronto teenager killed in Israel last summer in a terrorist bomb blast, and met with Jewish communal leaders over dinner.

Despite an extremely heavy schedule, Levy went out of his way to honor his promise to visit Toronto. He had twice postponed his trip, first when Joe Clark,

David Levy

the then external affairs minister, visited Israel, and later during the Persian Gulf War.

Praising Toronto's Jewish community, Levy described his visit here as "vital."

While in Canada, Levy took time out to prepare for his historic May 10 encounter with Soviet Foreign Minister Aleksandr Bessmertnykh in Jerusalem. As well, Levy was due to meet the 12 foreign ministers of the European Community and the U.S. secretary of state, James Baker, who is continuing his peace mission in the region.

Speaking in Hebrew through a translator, Levy said Israel offers the Arabs peace and the prospect of mutual co-operation in a whole range of fields.

"The walls of hatred should fall down," he said. "Life instead of death; building instead of destruction."

Asked at the press conference whether he was ready to trade land for peace, Levy deflected the question by saying that Israel is under no obligation to set out its terms in advance of actual talks. "That is not negotiations, it is capitulation."

At the rally, Levy observed that when the Arab states reach the conclusion that they cannot defeat Israel militarily, they will seek non-violent solutions. "We don't hate the Arabs," he said, voicing the conviction that peace would dawn one day.

In the meanwhile, he warned, Israel must be strong and vigilant. "To lose one war would be the loss of our existence."

Israel, he added, is willing to sit down with the Arab states and with "the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria" to work out a "gradual settlement."

Levy described McDougall as a "friendly minister of foreign affairs" and as "a wonderful person." He reported that his discussion with Rae was "very, very friendly."

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StatsCan to collect data on Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —
Statistics Canada is asking the country's Jewish population not to shy away from completing the coming June 4 census, especially questions on religion and ethnicity.

StatsCan says it is aware that many Jews, particularly recent immigrants from Eastern Europe or the Soviet Union, may have a natural fear of disclosing personal information to the government.

But the data "will help set the Jewish community's national agenda. It's the community's only source of real, hard data," Gustave Goldmann of Statistics Canada, told The CJN.

Eighty per cent of Canadians will receive the short form of the census, which will contain basic questions on age, sex, mother tongue and family and marital status.

The other 20 per cent — considered a huge and reliable sample by statistical standards — will receive the long form, which will have an additional 43 questions, including queries about religion and ethnic background.

Information culled from the long form will be weighted for the entire population and will be used to determine the Jewish population's current status and needs — everything from divorce and intermarriage rates to poverty, migration, housing, education, aging and the formulation of legislation to protecting Canadians from religious discrimination.

Completion of the nationwide poll is "critical" for the understanding of Canadian Jewry and for the planning of its needs, McGill University social work professor Jim Torczyner told The CJN.

Religion was not included

Jews were defined as anyone belonging to the Jewish religion or being ethnically Jewish without a stated religion.

The coming census will again treat as Jews those whose religion is Jewish or who list their ancestral heritage as Jewish but state no religion.

Goldmann said the ethnicity question will be framed differently this time. It will ask, "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did this person's ancestors belong?"

Someone may be considered Jewish even if he lists his religion as "atheist" or "agnostic," so long as he affiliates with Judaism ethnically, Goldmann explained.

Listing Jewish as an ethnic group is necessary because many Jews view themselves as having a Jewish heritage even if they don't affiliate with Judaism as a religion, Goldmann said.

The dual definition, he explained, takes in virtually all Jews in Canada except for Messianic Jews, who may have Jewish roots but whose religion tends to be more closely aligned with evangelical Christianity.

greater poverty among Jews (about one-sixth of the total), an increase in Jewish migration from Montreal to Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa and more Jewish elderly than a decade ago.

In the 1986 "mini census," religion was not asked. But the 1981 tally showed there were 312,060 Jews in Canada.

Information to remain confidential

Data from the census, which will remain confidential, will be forwarded to McGill's Centre for Ethnic Studies and will also be shared with the Council of Jewish Federations, the umbrella organization representing some 200 North American Jewish federations.

Torczyner said he expects the census will show

Rudolph gets leave to appeal

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Former Nazi rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph has been allowed to appeal the decision barring him from remaining in Canada.

Federal Court Justice Mark MacGuigan recently granted the German resident leave to bring his case before a three-judge panel of the court.

A date for the hearing has not yet been set.

Justice Department lawyer Donald MacIntosh said the hearing will be a judicial review of the decision by adjudicator William Willoughby, who ruled that Rudolph was inadmissible because of the reasonable apprehension that he participated in war crimes and crimes against humanity during the Second World War.

Rudolph, 84, was stopped by immigration authorities on July 1, 1990 at Toronto's Pearson International Airport following a flight from Germany. He said he intended to visit supporters and his daughter, who flew from San Francisco to greet him.

Rudolph is barred from entering the United States under terms of an agreement in which he acknowledged government charges that he persecuted civilians during the war.

Evidence at his immigration hearing showed that he was production manager of the V-2 rocket project in the Mittelwerk factory in Germany's Harz Mountains. The factory relied on slave laborers from the nearby Dora concentration camp. An estimated 25,000 prisoners died in Mittelwerk.

Willoughby found that Rudolph, by his own admission, knew he was employing and requisitioning laborers to work on rockets that were to be used against their home countries — a war crime and crime against humanity, as well as a violation of Canada's criminal law against forcible confinement and kidnapping.

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Wolfe named chancellor

TORONTO —

The College of Electors representing the alumni of the University of Toronto has announced the election of Rose Wolfe as the 29th chancellor of the university. The three-year appointment begins July 1.

Wolfe replaces the Hon. John Black Aird, who is retiring after five years of distinguished service. U of T governing council has named Aird as chancellor emeritus for a five-year term.

Rose Wolfe

"I am, of course, deeply pleased and honored. But more than that, this election, I think, points to a new direction for the university. The choice of someone like myself, whose involvement and stand on Jewish issues and Israel are well known, indicates an openness and acceptance not only for the Jewish commmunity but for all minority groups."

A University College alumna with a BA in sociology and a diploma in social work from the U of T. Wolfe has a noted record of service as a volunteer and patron in education, medical, cultural and religious organizations.

A past president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, she is currently vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Ontario, a director of Mount Sinai Hospital and a trustee of the board of Lester Pearson College of the Pacific.

She is also a director of The Canadian Jewish News.

At the U of T, Wolfe has been a member of the governing council and the president's committee, and a director of the Banting Research Foundation.

"Wolfe will be an excellent chancellor. She is an enormously able, enthusiastic and intelligent person with a strong commitment to the university and an enormous investment in the community and social issues," said Aird.

"I am extremely pleased to have such a dedicated friend of the university as chancellor. Rose Wolfe will bring good judgement, enthusiasm and leadership to her role," said U of T president Robert Prichard.

The chancellor is titular head of the university and presides at all convocations. Other responsibilities include chairing the committee on honorary degrees, membership on governing council and representing the university on a variety of occasions, particularly in relation to alumni.

"This is a great honor and I am looking forward to representing the university in the best way I can," said Wolfe.

Bonds sales unaffected by recession

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The recession has apparently not put a crimp in sales of State of Israel Bonds. In fact, the Bonds organization reports that, at the end of April, purchases of the securities were up almost $10 million U.S., or more than doubled, from the same period last year.

Over $86 million U.S. in Israel bonds were sold in Canada in 1990 — an all-time record amount — yet between Jan. 1-April 30 only $8.7 million were bought.

In that period this year, $18 million worth has already been sold, said Bonds' executive vice-president and general counsel Julius Briskin. "And there is no reason not to believe, that with Israel's continuing economic and political problems, we will equal, if not surpass, last year."

Canada sold over 11 per cent of the total bonds sales worldwide in 1990, despite a relatively small Jewish population. Briskin attributes the success to the influx of Soviet immigrants and the Gulf crisis. Toronto's total sales placed among the top cities in North America — "and Montreal is not far behind." He is also encouraged by increased sales in smaller communities. The federations' lifting of a ban on bond drives during the High Holidays was also a boon.

If there is one sour note, however, in all the good news, it is that people still think of buying a bond as "charity" rather than, correctly, as an investment in the economy of Israel, Briskin said. "These are the only undesignated dollars from the Diaspora to Israel. The money goes right into the Israeli treasury. Every other 'charity' dollar raised is earmarked for the Jewish Agency or some institution or organization."

Bonds national treasurer Lawrence Bessner, who is also Montreal chairman, still has some concern with what he sees as a lack of co-ordination between Israel Bonds and the federations, especially in Montreal.

Although both were launched over a year ago, Bessner thinks confusion still exists in the minds of the public about the difference between the federations' Operation Exodus and Bonds' Operation Aliyah.

Bessner feels Allied Jewish Community Services could be doing more to explain to the community the complementary nature of the two campaigns. Operation Exodus primarily pays for the Soviets' transportation to Israel, while Operation Aliyah, he said, is intended to build housing and create jobs for them once they arrive.

The situation is better in Toronto, Briskin added, because the federation and Bonds placed joint newspaper advertising. "United Israel Appeal and Bonds are really two sides of the same coin."

Despite the unprecedented sale of bonds in 1990, Bessner also feels too few members of the Jewish community are involved. That year, the $86 million was purchased by just 15,000 persons or institutions, many outside the Jewish community. Bessner is disappointed that there were only 138 purchasers of the $25,000 variable interest rate bonds which are currently paying an interest rate of 8.21 per cent.

"There should be many more purchasers, even if it's just a $250 bond," Bessner said.

Sales of Israel Bonds in Canada should be further helped by the launch of the first security in Canadian funds. The bonds are expected to be available as of July and in denominations of $25,000.

al-Mashat visa spurs objections

Iraqi's friend urged move

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Jawad Hashim, a former advisor to Saddam Hussein who is now a Canadian citizen with a home in Toronto, encouraged his old friend Mohammed al-Mashat to seek refuge in Canada.

Hashim told reporter Moira Farrow of the Vancouver Sun that he passed the word to the former Iraqi ambassador to the United States, al-Mashat, that "the time has come to leave Iraq and I advise you to go to Canada."

Hashim claims he told former immigration minister Barbara McDougall on April 22 that al-Mashat had arrived in Canada. That was the day after McDougall had been shifted to the external affairs portfolio.

Hashim, who came to Canada with his wife and two sons in 1983, told the Sun that "I would love to see Canada play a much more important role in the peace process by giving sanctuary to more Iraqis — it's the only way to weaken Saddam Hussein."

He said "I think it's good for Canada that he came here — he is a most respected man and many other countries were trying to get him."

He claimed al-Mashat had contemplated defection before the Persian Gulf War started; had declined an offer from the United States; and will be the first of many high-ranking Iraqis to seek asylum in the West.

Hashim said he was personal advisor to Saddam from 1968 to 1982 and planning minister from 1968 to 1975 and knows al-Mashat "as a friend and former colleague."

al-Mashat has bought half a duplex in North Vancouver, for which he paid $222,000 in a deal closed on May 2. The Hongkong Bank of Canada supplied a mortgage for almost half the amount. However, it has been reported he has put the house up for sale, citing security as the reason.

The Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada is dismayed at the admission to Canada as a landed immigrant of al-Mashat.

"Our objection is on moral grounds," said institute chairman Brian Morris.

Saddam's apologist

"al-Mashat was a major apologist for Saddam's regime. He has done nothing, save his application to come to Canada as an immigrant, which would suggest he is at odds with Iraqi policy. His admission calls into question the judgement of officials involved in the process. There are many questions to be answered."

The institute is pleased that an inquiry has been ordered to determine the circumstances of al-Mashat's admission, and shares the concern of many parties that the admission process was accelerated, to the benefit of an individual whose presence in Canada in the first place is questionable.

Jack Silverstone, national executive director for Canadian Jewish Congress, called the al-Mashat decision "reminiscent of the kind of thing that happened 40 years ago in the aftermath of the Second World War when Canada admitted known Nazi war criminals.

"This individual. . .was the vocal representative of a regime that committed war crimes and waged aggressive war" and should not merit immigration status, Silverstone added.

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Labor Party leader visits Montreal

Compromise with Palestinians needed for peace: Peres

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Israeli Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres portrayed a bright future for Israel and the Arab countries with economic and scientific benefits for both, if a solution to the "Palestinian problem" is found.

Peres, guest speaker at a Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University dinner, said that solution can only be political and will require compromise by Israel. Israel will not reach an accommodation with the Palestinians through the use of its army or police, he said.

The defence that the territories must remain under Israeli control is "total nonsense," said Peres, who was prime minister from 1984-86 and more recently vice-premier, in addition to holding major cabinet portfolios, among them foreign affairs and defence.

In an age of 1,000-mile range missiles, the extension of a border by 30 miles is not the answer, he said; establishing relations with one's neighbors is.

The majority of Jews, he said, know that Israel must compromise on territory for both political and moral reasons. Morally, because Jews have never in their 4,000-year history "dominated the destiny of another people," and know from their own experience what it is to be dominated.

"Gaza is not a piece of land; it's a community of people. The land itself is insignificant, 350 square kilometres...It has 760,000 Arabs who have 35,000 children a year. They have no water, no land resources, no means of existence, no passports. Half live in refugee camps. The question is do we own Gaza, or does it own us?"

Peres dreams of the day when Israelis will not be the policemen, but rather the engineers of the Middle East. Peace in the region would permit realization of the vast potential for economic and scientific cooperation, notably in meeting the water shortage problem that afflicts all countries and worsens as the population increases.

Peres received a standing ovation for his address, which avoided any direct criticism of the Shamir government and took an almost wistful tone. He warned that the window of opportunity for peace negotiations now opened will be short-lived and talks must begin before the Israeli and U.S. elections next year, if they are to have a chance.

Gathered at the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University dinner are (from left) president Edward Winant, speaker Shimon Peres, honoree Paul Desmarais and chairman Charles Bronfman.

Discounting Yasser Arafat, he said there are intelligent Arab leaders with whom Israel can "talk sense."

Peres proposed that if the oil-producing Mideast states added just $1 to the price of a barrel of oil — a sum which would not be detrimental to the U.S. or Europe — it would produce in a year an $8 billion fund that would help the have-not countries of the region.

On the subject of Soviet immigration, Peres said it should be borne in mind that the newcomers are a heterogeneous lot. "The difference between a Jew from Baku in south Russia and one from Leningrad is as great as that between Jews from Casablanca and Paris."

If one million Soviets come to Israel over the next three years, there will be 100,000 engineers, 40,000 physicians, 30,000 scientists and 30,000 artists, mainly musicians. With that kind of brainpower, Peres said, Israel could become "the Weizmann Institute of the Middle East."

The dinner, in honor of Paul Desmarais, chairman of Power Corporation of Canada, was attended by over 700 guests, many of them prominent figures in Quebec business and public life. Chaired by Charles Bronfman and held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, the dinner raised $1.2 million (including a major gift from Desmarais himself) for the creation of the Paul Desmarais Centre for the Study of French Culture, said Shimon Arbel, Canadian Friends national director.

Desmarais was presented with the Scopus Award by Edward Winant, Canadian Friends national president.

Bronfman praised Desmarais as a "warm, caring, charming man" devoted to his family, to Canada and to the furtherance of education.

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Abrahams, Silverman receive Bronfman Youth Fellowships

MONTREAL — Brett Abrahams of Toronto and Yair Silverman of Montreal were among the 25 teenagers in Canada and the United States named to receive 1991 Bronfman Youth Fellowships under a program designed to develop future community leaders committed to the concept of Jewish unity.

This summer, the Canadian Jewish teens will spend five weeks in Israel with the Youth Fellowships program launched five years ago by Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of Seagram Company Ltd. and president of the World Jewish Congress. The 25 Fellows — chosen from more than 300 applicants — were selected on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities.

Abrahams, a student at Earl Haig Secondary School, recently represented Canada as a delegate in the International Glasnost and Global Village conference held this past February. He is a founding member and co-editor of his school's newspaper and received the Gordon C. Johnson award for excellence in literature.

Abrahams plays the piano and was a first place winner at the Kiwanis Music Festival. He is fluent in French as well as English.

He is director for the corporate sponsorship program for the Environment Club and has been an active fund raiser for the World Wildlife Fund through his school. He is also involved with Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving.

Brett Abrahams

Yair Silverman

Silverman, student council president at Hebrew Academy High School, oversaw a school drive for the Operation Exodus/Combined Jewish Appeal. In January he handed over a cheque for $2,300 to CJA that was raised by Hebrew Academy and originally intended to pay for a ski trip that was cancelled because of the Gulf crisis.

Silverman has also organized many other school and community activities including a Shabbaton in conjunction with Yeshiva University, activities with Bnei Akiva and with his synagogue.

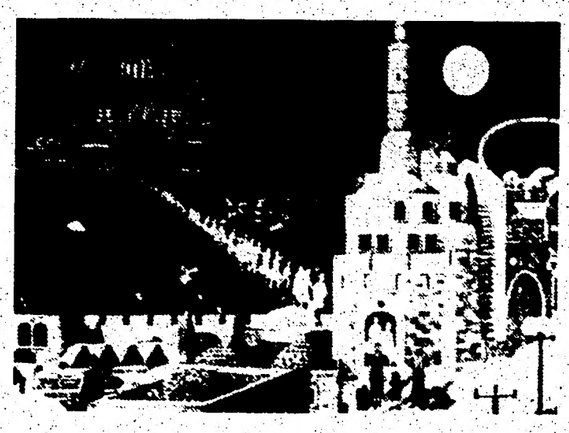
Silverman plans to spend next year at the Hesder Yeshiva in Israel before continuing his secular studies.

The 25 Bronfman Fellows for 1991 consist of 14 girls and 11 boys. The group will fly to Israel on July 9, following an orientation seminar in New York City, and will return to the United States on Aug. 14.

They will spend their five weeks in Israel in a program of intensive study, travel and dialogue with members of the educational staff of the Bronfman Fellowship program, as well as with prominent political and literary figures.

In explaining the purpose of the Fellowships, Bronfman said: "Our hope is to open lines of communication among a group of outstanding young people on the major issues confronting the Jewish people in all its diversity. In the process, we believe, they will discover that there is a common Jewish agenda that transcends the differences among them."

A principal reason for launching the program, Bronfman said, was his concern about the "dearth of young men and women with training, commitment and knowledge necessary to hold leadership roles on behalf of a unified Jewish community and not merely in support of a single Jewish cause or organization, however worthy."



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Canada

Investigation clears courier of Israel boycott charge

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario's Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Affairs says there is "no basis" on which to continue an investigation of DHL International Express Ltd., one of the world's largest couriers, for allegedly boycotting Israel.

The investigation was initiated by the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, which asked the ministry to look into whether DHL was violating the province's Discriminatory Business Practices Act by not servicing Israel.

Last Friday, Whipple Steinkrauss, who heads the ministry's business practices division, wrote Congress to say that in the year ending April 30, 1991, DHL made over 270 shipments to Israel from Canadian cities, and that the courier has "categorically" denied it discriminates against Israel.

The ministry suggested Congress address further concerns to DHL president Kal Tobias.

But Congress says it will pursue the matter with the ministry.

David Satok, chairman of the region's community relations committee, says the courier may be contracting out its shipments to Israel in order to bypass regulations.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," Satok said.

It was late last month when CJC wrote to the ministry, expressing concern over the "possibility" that DHL is boycotting Israel.

The letter cited comments by the courier's employees in response to inquiries about service to Israel, and a list of 207 countries and territories to which DHL delivers — Israel not among them.

But a furious Tobias hinted last week his company may take legal action against CJC for its "totally unsubstantiated and unfounded" claims.

"I'd say the folks at Canadian Jewish Congress have a real problem," Tobias told The CJN. "They've laid inaccurate and unresearched charges. After we're fully absolved, we'll consider legal action. This will go to our attorneys."

Tobias said DHL "absolutely" delivers to and from Israel and that he has "ample" waybills and invoices to prove the courier is not boycotting the Jewish state.

He said the company's list of destinations changes "virtually every day" and is determined by political conditions and foreign postal and customs regulations.

Tobias said the destination list CJC used in its letter to the ministry is an old one and originated in Vienna. He could not say why it excluded Israel.

He said DHL does not ship to Iran, Iraq and Algeria because of the volatile state of those nations, and has removed Brazil and several African countries from its destination list because of their tighter controls over courier services.

He said the ministry has received an updated destination list, with Israel on it.

In its April letter to Steinkrauss, Congress said that after a complaint "from a member of our Jewish community," CJC inquired about shipping material to Israel with DHL, but was told that was not possible because of "customs regulations."

Later, CJC said it was told by DHL's tele-sales supervisor that if the courier shipped to Israel, it could not serve countries such as Saudi Arabia.

Tobias said he spoke with the supervisor and that her comments, as related by CJC, are "absolutely incorrect."

According to Congress, DHL's station manager then explained that the reason the courier does not ship to Israel is because the DHL office in Tel Aviv was bombed last year, resulting in the death of an employee.

Congress later confirmed there was no such attack, and Tobias said the bombing story "was just a rumor."

Congress has been sensitive to the Israeli boycott issue ever since the Ontario Science Centre was found to have violated the Discriminatory Business Practices Act by agreeing to boycott Israeli goods and services in a contract with the Sultanate of Oman.

Satok said CJC will set up an anti-boycott committee to monitor compliance with the act, which was passed in the late '70s to counter the Arab-led worldwide trade boycott of Israel.

Luitjens decision imminent

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A decision in the denaturalization case involving alleged Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens appears imminent.

Federal Court Justice Frank Collier, who heard the case two years ago, has completed his judgment subject to some revisions and is expected to file it with the court within a few weeks, The CJN has learned.

Justice James Jerome, who is responsible for the trial division's judges, spoke late last week with Collier, who informed him of the status of the case, Jerome's assistant, Claire Belair, said.

Jerome had written to Collier in March, urging him to render a decision. Evidence and argument in the case was concluded two years ago this month.

Jewish groups have been becoming increasingly disappointed and angry that the Justice Department's war crimes unit appears to have delayed launching denaturalization proceedings against other alleged war criminals pending resolution of the case.

"We're enormously frustrated by the time that has passed," said Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress. "It's obvious that despite assurances to the contrary, [Luitjens] is being used as a test case and we're dissatisfied with that.

"It's not appropriate that [the war crimes unit] should hang its entire denaturalization hat on this one case."

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said the long delay "keeps the plug in the bottle on a number of cases that the government would proceed on."

Jonathan Richler, a member of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee, said the organization is concerned that the delay not only brings the administration of justice into disrepute, but as time passes, the chances increase of witnesses in other potential cases dying or becoming too infirm to testify.

Last week, Peter Kremer, who head the war crimes unit, suggested the delay may be pushing the unit into a legal avenue that still remains available to it — re-opening the case and starting again from the beginning.

"Given the fact this was the first denaturalization case brought against an alleged war criminal, we expected the court would have dealt with the legal issues as quickly as possible. . . We were hoping for quick guidance. We haven't got it."

The Crown alleges that Luitjens collaborated with the Nazis in wartime Holland and lied about his past when he immigrated to Canada.

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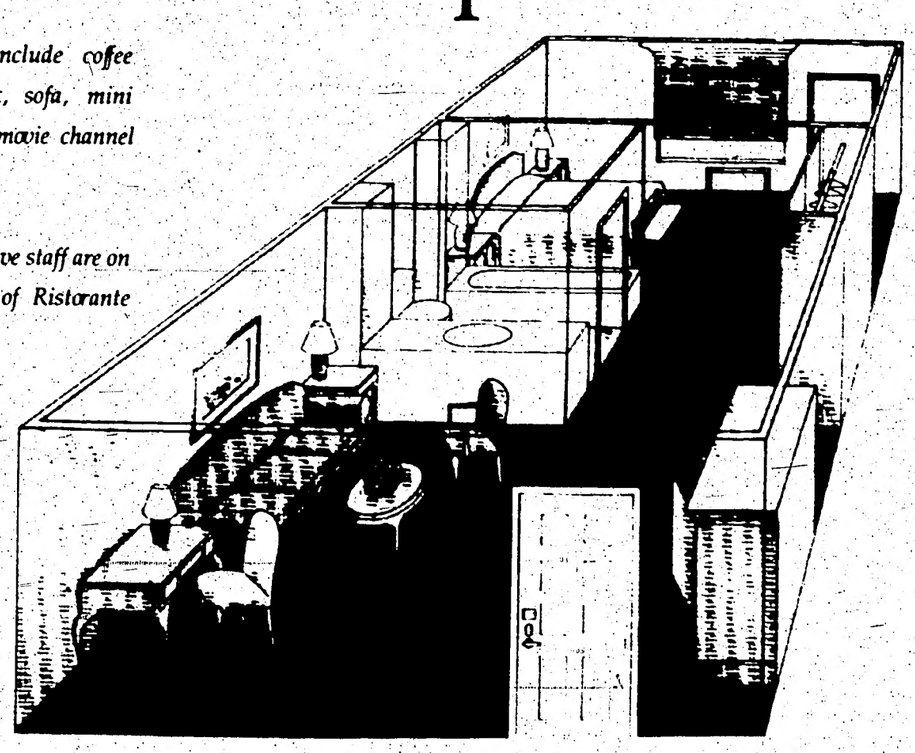

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פֿיליפּ גיוועגס, נאַציאָנאַלער פֿאַרשיצער פון קאַנאַדער קאָמיטעט פֿאַר יידיש, איז באַשטימט געווארן אַלס אָפּיציעלער דעלעגאַט פון קאַנאַדער יידישן קאָנגרעס צו דער זעקסטער סעסיע פון וועלט־ראַט פֿאַר יידיש און יידישער קולטור, וואָס קומט פֿאָר אין מאָסקווע פון 26־טן ביזן 30־טן מאַי. צוזאַמען מיט אים וועט אויך זיין פֿאַרטראָטן ביי דער סעסיע דער יידישער שרייבער, אַריעל קאָפֿראָוו, וואָס וואוינט איצט אין טאָראָנטאָ.

די סעסיע פון וועלט־ראַט אין מאָסקווע איז פֿון היסטאָרישער באַדייטונג. נאָך די יאָרן פון ברוטאַלער אונטערדריקונג פון יידיש און יידישער קולטור, און פֿאַרפֿאָלגונג פון יידישע שרייבערס, קינסטלערס און קולטור־טוערס דורך דעם קאָמוניסטישן רעזשים אין ראַטן־פֿאַרבאַנד, איז כּמעט אויפגעגעבן געווארן די האָפענונג, אַז יידישע טעטיקייטן וועלן וועלן עס איז דאָרט אויפגעלעבט ווערן. אָבער אונטער דער וויירקונג פון דער נייער פּאָליטיק פון גאָרבאַטשאָוון, זיינען געקומען צום לעבן צענדליקער יידישע קלובן, שטודיר־קרייזן א.א. אין אַ גאַנצער רייַ שטעט פון סאָוועטן־פֿאַרבאַנד. דער צוגאַמענפּאָר פון וועלט־ראַט פֿאַר יידיש אין מאָסקווע, וואָס וואָלט מיט בלויז עטלעכע יאָר צוריק אין באַטראַכט געווארן ווי אַן אומגלויבלעכע פֿאַנטאַזיע, איז באַזונדערס באַגריסנסווערט.

לויט דער אינפֿאָרמאַציע, וואָס דער יידישע קאָמיטעט אין קאַנאַדע האָט באַקומען פון י. קאָרן, פֿאָרזיצער פון וועלט־ראַט, וועלן ביי דער סעסיע זיין פֿאַרטראָטן פֿאָרשטייער פון אַרום 20 לענדער. אַ באַזונדערס גרויסע דעלעגאַציע פון שרייבער און יידיש־אַקטיוויסטן פון ישראל, קלייבן זיך פֿאָרן צו דעם צוגאַמענפֿאָר.

ביי די ניין פּלענאַרע זיצונגען, וואָס וועלן אָפּגעהאַלטן ווערן במשך פון די פּיר טעג פונעם צוזאַמענפֿאָר, וועלן באַהאַנדלט ווערן א ריי פראַגן בנוגע דעם צושטאַנד און צוקונפט פון יידיש און די טעטיקייטן פון די יידיש־קאָמיטעטן אין פֿאַרשיידענע לענדער אין דער וועלט. צווישן סעסיעס וועלן גענומען ווערן דעם סאָוועטישן יידנטום און דער לאַגע פון יידיש און יידישער קולטור אין ראַטן־פֿאַרבאַנד.

בי דער זיבעטער פּלענאַרער סעסיע וועט באַהאַנדלט ווערן די טעמע: „יידישע קולטור מיטן פּנים צום המשך". מיט אַן אַריינפיר פון אונדזער קאַנאַדער דעלעגאַט, פֿיליפּ גיוועגס. אין דער דיסקוסיע וועלן אָנטייל נעמען דעלעגאַטן פון צפון און דרום אַמעריקע, אירסטראַליע און ישראל.

אַ יידישע טעאַטער פֿאָרשטעלונג, פּרעזענטירט פון מאָסקווער טעאַטער אַנסאַמבל „שלום", וועט געגעבן ווערן דעם ערשטן אָוונט פונעם צוזאַמענפֿאָר. עס וועט אויפגעפירט ווערן די פּיעסע „די באַן פון גליק", געבריט אויף ווערק פון די יידישע קלאַסיקער.

אַלע סעסיעס וועלן אָפּגעהאַלטן ווערן אין זאַל פון טעאַטער „שלום", שאָסיי וואַרשאַווסקאַיאַ 71, מאָסקווע.

Fund launched in Amochs' memory

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"If you expect words of comfort, forgive me. I don't have any, because there are none." Rabbi Rafael Grossman spoke those blunt words at a recent memorial service for sisters Gillah and Amy Amoch, who were killed two months ago in a motor vehicle accident in Israel.

Instead of comfort, Rabbi Grossman offered words of challenge, which grieving parents Jack and Felicity Amoch have already taken deeply to heart.

"We are starting a campaign that we hope will give some meaning to the life and death of Amy and Gillah," said Felicity Amoch to about 250 people who had gathered at B'nai Torah Congregation to honor the memory of her children.

In a text prepared by Felicity Amoch and read by Ralph Wintrob of the Bereaved Jewish Families Group, those at the service heard some horrendous statistics:

• an average of 500 people a year are killed in traffic accidents in "tiny" Israel;

• 20,000 people are injured;

• 3,500 are crippled.

Equally disturbing, Egged and Dan buses are involved in a disproportionate number of the accidents, according to Amoch's research. To make matter worse, each Egged or Dan bus driver is a shareholder in the company, thus having a vested interest in completing his route in the least time possible "come hell or high water . . . even if he has to tailgate, lane-switch, overtake on a dangerous curve, or bulldoze his way through smaller vehicles."

The Amochs' suggestions include:

• Large highway signs showing the cost of various traffic violations.

• Patrol cars on the major highways 24 hours a day manned by officers empowered to issue tickets, withdraw licences or impound cars on the spot.

• Courts to deal exclusively with traffic violations. (Under the current system, says Felicity Amoch, 700,000 traffic tickets per year are issued, but there are few prosecutions, due to an overloaded system.)

• More control of Egged and Dan buses (they are, to a shocking degree, self-regulated, the audience was told at the memorial service).

In addition to the safety campaign, the Amochs have set up a scholarship fund, the Gillah and Amy Torah Fund, to send two girls to Nevei Yerushalaym (the girls' school in Israel where Gillah was studying at the time of the accident) and to Bais Yaakov/Bais Rivkah.

On a personal level, Rabbi Grossman told how he initially questioned his faith after his 17-year-old daughter died as the result of a medical accident.

The Jewish response, he said, is not to acquiesce, but to take action. "Human life to a Jew is sacrosanct. There is no salvation in death. There is salvation in life, although there is life, we believe with all our hearts, after life."

Memories are also a source of comfort, as the rabbi illustrated in a poignant story. As a boy in yeshiva just after the Second World War, Rabbi Grossman had a classmate who had somehow survived the Holocaust, and had never known his parents. The boy carried a little box with him night and day, and his classmates eventually discovered that the box contained a bar of soap. "This is all I have, and I'll never part from it," the boy said, believing that the soap was made of the fat of Jews (including, perhaps, his parents) during the war.

Many years later, that boy and the rabbi met by chance in Jerusalem. Now a physician, Orthodox and married with four children, he invited Rabbi Grossman to his home. When Rabbi Grossman inquired about the bar of soap which he'd never forgotten, he was shown a tree in the doctor's garden, under which he had buried the bar of soap.

"When I look at my daughter's portrait," said Rabbi Grossman, "I thank G-d I do not need that bar of soap. I have living memories."

Friends of the two girls spoke of their memories: the laughter, the good times, their deep caring for family and friends.

A display of Gillah's artwork was shown.

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Anyone wishing to help in the campaign against traffic accidents in Israel is asked to write to people both in and out of Israel, governmental or non-governmental, with copies of letters to Yitzhak Shamir, Prime Minister and Moshe Katsav, Minister of Transport, The Knesset, Jerusalem, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Amoch, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, Box 5058, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 3A1.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Gillah and Amy Torah Fund may send a cheque to Gillah and Amy Torah Fund, 189 Lisa Crescent, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 2N2. A tax receipt will be issued.

Kosher catering in 'Peg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Convention Centre has announced that, effective June 3, it will be providing kosher catering. The announcement was made at the WCC at a press conference held April 8 to promote the 19th annual YMHA Jewish Community Centre fund-raising sports dinner which will be held for the first time at the convention centre.

Terry O'Reilly, WCC's director of promotions, said the convention centre will be purchasing a brand new set of dishes and flatware to be used only for kosher functions. It will also provide the serving personnel. The food itself though will be prepared by Desserts Plus, Winnipeg's only independent kosher caterer, on its premises and brought in to the convention centre.

"We are very pleased with our association with the convention centre," says Ed Reiss, co-owner of Desserts Plus. "It was a mutual agreement arrived at after just two months of negotiations. The convention centre has standards of the highest quality."

Desserts Plus is in its seventh year in business. The company also supplies kosher meals for the Meals-on-Wheels program and the hospitals.

The sports dinner will be the WCC's first kosher catered function. O'Reilly says there have already been several other enquiries about the convention centre's kosher catering service.

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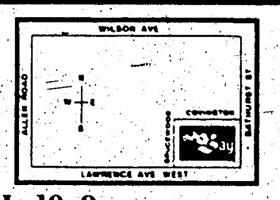

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Israel

Shamir, Arens defend policy of settling territories

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel has again rejected territorial compromise and made clear it will not suspend its settlement-building policies, even if a peace conference depends on it.

That was the message contained in public speeches made over the weekend by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

They spoke as U.S. Secretary of State James Baker arrived in the region for his fourth and reportedly final attempt to get an agreement on a regional peace conference that the two superpowers would co-host.

Baker met in Damascus on Sunday with Syrian President Hafez Assad before flying to Cairo for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, who was in Israel on Friday. Baker was to meet Monday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and was expected to arrive in Israel on Tuesday for talks Wednesday and Thursday with Israeli leaders.

Shamir also said that the Arabs have shown "no sign of sincere and true willingness for peace."

The Israeli leader disagreed with Baker and with his own foreign minister, David Levy, over the importance of the reported willingness of Saudi Arabia and the five other states of the Gulf Co-operation Council to send an "observer" to a regional conference with Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker (left) and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at one of their recent meetings. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

American officials hailed the decision, announced Saturday in Luxembourg by Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal, as a "breakthrough."

Levy told reporters after the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday that the development represents "progress."

But Shamir's senior aide, Yossi Ben-Aharon, dismissed the Saudi offer as "no progress at all" and proceeded to demolish its significance in a rare briefing for reporters.

Ben-Aharon, who is director general of the Prime Minister's Office, said Israel would demand the full participation in a peace conference by the Gulf states and every other Arab country still technically in a state of war with Israel.

Peace process

But according to observers here and abroad, the intransigent rhetoric may have been largely for home consumption.

There is a certain amount of uneasiness in the top policy-making echelons as a showdown over the peace process appears imminent. That is said to account for some of the discordant notes emanating from the highest government circles.

Baker has made it clear he will not persist with his peace initiative if the current "shuttle" fails to produce the desired peace conference.

There were predictions in Israel — causing alarm in some quarters and hope in others — that Baker and Bessmertnykh might actually issue invitations to the regional adversaries to attend a conference, challenging them in effect to refuse.

When Shamir remarked at Sunday's Cabinet meeting that the settlement issue would "be a matter for negotiations when negotiations are held," Ben-Aharon promptly explained to reporters that his boss only meant that the Arab side would be free to raise the issue when negotiations begin over the final disposition of the territories.

According to the Israeli plan, such talks would take place three years after limited autonomy goes into effect.

Shamir used the occasion of Jerusalem Day festivities Saturday night at the Mercaz Harav Kook yeshiva to deliver a ringing commitment never to withdraw from the territories.

He told his audience of largely Orthodox supporters that the territories were "all holy."

Arens, addressing another nationalistic religious audience in Jerusalem on Sunday, said the settlements are "what gives the negotiators strength."

The settlements and the Israel Defence Force are the twin pillars of Israel's defense, Arens said at the Netiv Meir yeshiva of Bnei Akiva.

Shamir's remarks drew a sharp rebuke from the Labor Party, which accused him Sunday of rejecting peace.

Meanwhile, Shamir asked the opposition Labor Party's chairman, Shimon Peres, to brief him privately on the hour-long unscheduled meeting Peres had with U.S. President George Bush at the White House on May 8.

Bush walked in on an evening meeting Peres was having with National Security Council Adviser Brent Scowcroft. Some Israeli observers interpreted the unexpected encounter as a successful effort by Bush to prop up the Shamir government in the event his right-wing coalition partners defect.

The commentators say Peres promised in effect to support Shamir with Labor's Knesset votes if the prime minister decides, despite right-wing threats, to pilot the country toward a peace conference.

The right wing is already applying pressure. Yuval Ne'eman of Tehiya urged Shamir to insist that the United States, as a gesture, move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem before peace talks start.

Rehavam Ze'evi of Moledet wants Israel to reject both U.S.-Soviet sponsorship and any UN role in a peace conference.

Tass planning to open Israel bureau

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, plans to open a bureau in Israel, the Government Press Office has announced.

The planned opening is part of a reciprocal arrangement in which Israel Radio correspondents will be based in Moscow and Israel Television personnel will be allowed to operate in the Soviet capital on assignment as required.

The press office said Tass had applied months ago for credentials for its correspondents. The foreign ministry thought they should be issued even without corresponding Soviet credentials for Israel Broadcasting Authority representatives in Moscow.

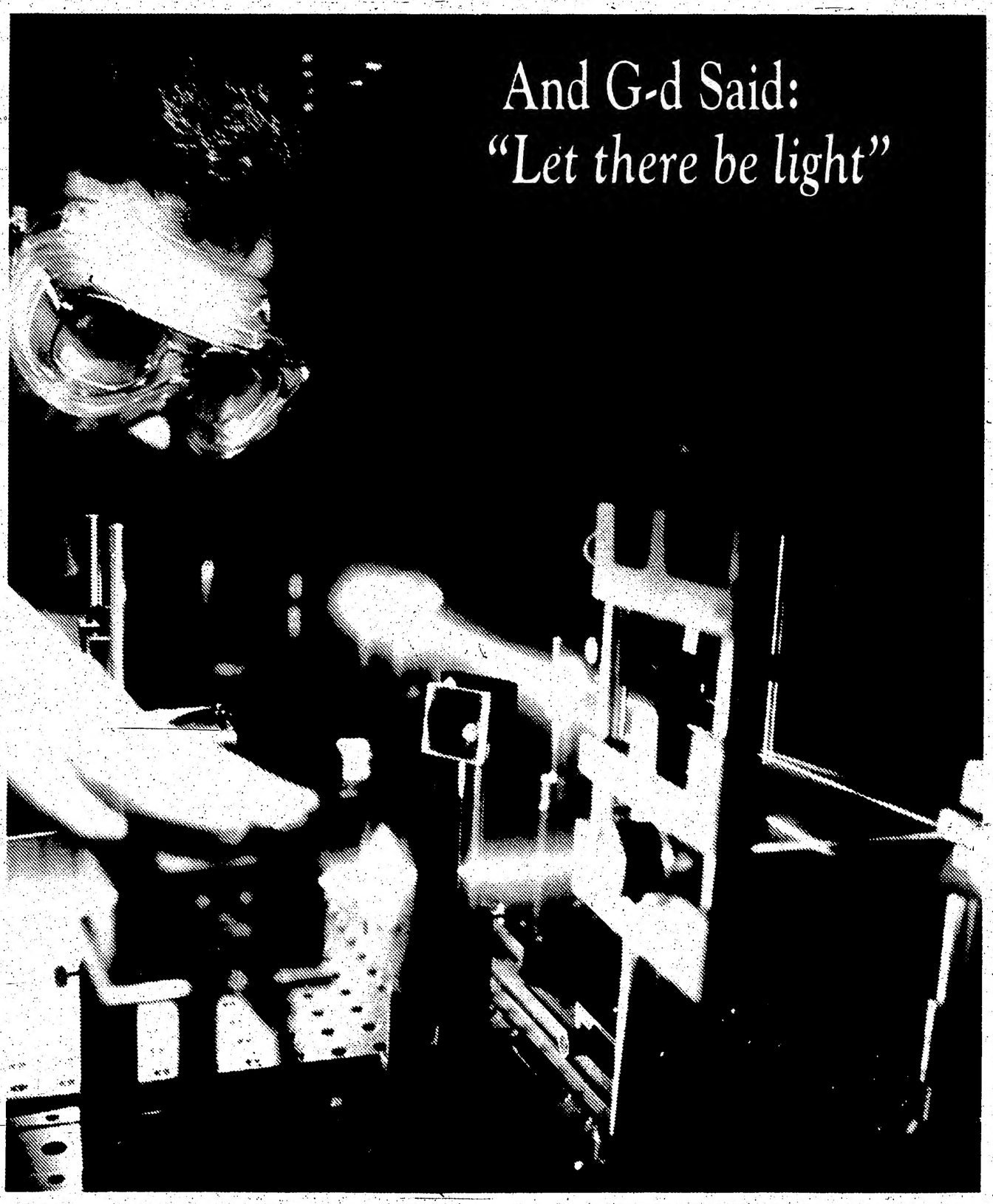
But Yossi Olmert, director of the press office, demanded that Israeli radio and television correspondents be allowed equal access to Moscow before Soviet correspondents be assigned to Israel.

Olmert said such reciprocal arrangements exist between Israel and other Eastern European countries.

It is not yet known whether the Tass bureau will be in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

The announcement follows the visit to Jerusalem of Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, the first ever by a high Soviet official.

It also follows the opening here at the end of April of an office of Intourist, the Soviet state travel bureau. Intourist has agreements with several large tour organizers in Israel.



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COMMENTARY

Sholem Aleichem used laughter to foil despair

By
RUTH WISSE

Seventy-five years ago, May 13, 1916, Sholem Aleichem died in New York City.

One of Sholem Aleichem's jolliest heroes — Motl Peysi the cantor's son — discovered when his father died that there were incalculable advantages to being free of a sick parent. Motl coined the phrase, "*Mir iz gut, ikh bin a yosem* (I am lucky; I'm an orphan)" to express the weird benefits that befall a Jewish child when he suddenly becomes the object of adult sympathy: Motl's older brother is not allowed to harm the poor "*kaddish*;" a neighbor dare not punish him for stealing fruit from his garden because the orphan needs sympathy, not scolding. When the furniture has to be sold because the family has no money, Motl delights in sleeping on the floor.

But the death of Sholem Aleichem brought no such ironic improvements. No one could make good the loss of him, or ever compensate the Jews for his absence.

Sholem Aleichem is the name that Sholem Rabinovitch adopted when he began to write humorously in the late 1880s. It was a joke at his own expense. Instead of underscoring his individual identity by "making a name for himself" as a writer, he chose a name that would conceal his identity behind one of the most common phrases in the Yiddish language. *Sholem Aleichem* is the greeting that one Jew extended to another, something like, Hello there, or How do you do? In taking this pen-name, he struck the pose of a genial listener who was always ready to hear a good story, then to pass it along to others.

Ruth R. Wisse

Sholem Aleichem perfected the Jewish strategy of using laughter as a foil against despair, but he gave all the credit for this strategy to his fellow Jews. He did not pretend to have invented characters like Tevye the dairyman or Menahem Mendl the speculator and Sheyndl his frantic wife, but only to have eavesdropped successfully on their conversations and exchanges.

According to the author's humble account, it was Tevye who taught him how to cope with indignity without losing his dignity, Menahem Mendl and Sheyne Sheyndl who showed him how to maintain the precarious balance between faith and practical reckoning.

Modern critics (myself included) feel compelled to point out that Sholem Rabinovitch was actually a very sophisticated gentleman who developed these characters as an expression of his genius. We never tire of analysing how the artist shaped these types, and put words into their mouths, exposing the sleight of hand behind the magic. Yet Sholem Aleichem's gift lay in the opposite direction, in convincing readers that he was irrelevant to the stories they enjoyed so much.

To appreciate Sholem Aleichem's achievement, one need only think of the most famous contemporary exponent of "Jewish humor," the film-maker, writer, and comic actor Woody Allen. What fun it was, years ago, to discover this scrawny Jew with glasses who bungled everything, including robbery, while managing to win the *shiksa* and our laughs.

At first this foolish intellectual, sophisticated innocent, prowling paranoiac, seemed to bear some similarity to the spirit of Sholem Aleichem, especially in his use of humor to aggressive advantage. Tevye punctuates prayers by taking the words at face value: "*Refo'eynu veneyrofey* — Heal our wounds and make us whole — please concentrate on the healing because the wounds we already have." Woody Allen also made a specialty of undercutting the sublime: "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying."

Yet as one film followed another, and books too, and books about him, the world of Woody Allen seemed to contract. Woody Allen was exactly the same in Russia or Manhattan, or rather, Russia and Manhatten were alike reduced to Woody.

At first the Woody Allen character was recognizably male as opposed to dauntingly unattainable females. Then, little by little, the writer-director worked away at the otherness of his women until they took on his mannerisms and his style. Diane Keaton began to resemble Woody Allen. Mia Farrow became a Woody Allen clone.

At first the Woody Allen character was recognizably Jewish, as opposed to intimidatingly attractive gentiles. Not that the Jewishness was established by much more than an imagined chassidic costume. But the cultural tension between Jews and Christians expressed the particularity of each, the differences between people who have evolved from different sets of texts, religious beliefs, ways of life, and who perpetuate these differences while seeking mutual tolerance.

Then, as the whole world began to consolidate into Woody Allen, these differences, too, evaporated. In the movie *Alice* the guilt-ridden, apologetic Jewish man has been replaced by a guilt-ridden, apologetic Catholic woman in whom nothing more is left of her religion but a sentimental image of Mother Theresa. The strongest impulse left in the Woody Allen character is to think well of himself — now also herself — and to preen his conscience before the world.

To repeat: nothing can compensate the Jews for the loss of Sholem Aleichem. A humorist who tried to encompass an entire people has been replaced by a humorist who reduces an entire people, and consequently all people, to himself.

OPINION

Jews should assume role in keeping Canada united

By
MAURICE LUCOW

Earlier this year, I heard Irving Abella speak in Vancouver about the options now available to Canadian Jews which were not available in the past. There are no restrictions and no quotas in Canadian society, and generally, he indicated, Jews in Canada have never had it so good.

But Abella didn't seem to be overly enthusiastic about this state of affairs. Rather, he suggested that the openness of our society could be a threat to Judaism. Assimilation and intermarriage are taking their toll on Jewish life.

Abella may be right, of course, and you see signs of this especially out here on the West Coast where intermarriage is at a record high.

Nevertheless, thanks to our open society we've had a Jewish chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, a Jewish Bank of Canada governor, Jewish cabinet ministers at federal and provincial levels, Jewish senators, a Jewish premier, a number of Jewish chief justices of the provinces, Jewish mayors of large cities and other Jews in high places in business and academic life.

I don't think that this has in any way affected Jewish life seriously. Jewish life *does* exist in Canada on a large scale and despite the Keegstras, the Zundels, the Malcolm Rosses and all the others who keep the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre busy, our community is thriving *because* Canada has been good to us and good for us.

Having recently done extensive research on the history of Jews in Canada (with the assistance of some of my colleagues at The CJN) I am aware that it was not always so. Pierre Berton, in his book *The Great Depression*, says bluntly that Canada was very much a racist country back in the '30s, especially in Ontario. And thanks to the book *None Is Too Many*, by Abella and Harold Troper, we have learned of the tragic fate of thousands of refugees from Hitler's Germany who were not allowed into our country because of the anti-Semitic Frederick Blair, who was Mackenzie King's chief immigration official.

But we've made great progress. Through legal means, and because so many Jews served in the Second World War, we've struck down most of the restrictions on Jews, and Canadians at large have accepted Jews as a fact of Canadian life. We're here, we're strong, we are prospering, we are building an ever-greater Jewish infrastructure and we are accepted by most other Canadians with equanimity.

So despite the *tsores* we've had in the past and will continue to have, shouldn't we be giving some thought to building a greater Canada — a *united* Canada? Shouldn't we be doing everything in our power to discourage the separation of Quebec from our country? Shouldn't we be using some of that prodigious energy we expend on keeping Israel alive and on other Jewish causes to help keep Canada alive?

I am not suggesting for a moment that we cut back on our activities on behalf of Israel. Rather, at the same time, at the same meetings, we should be promoting Canada and the Canadian way of life. In our extensive Jewish school system we should be teaching the kids the history of the near-miracle that is Canada — of how we have taken people from hundreds of different countries and of varied religions and molded them into a nation. A fractious nation, to be sure, but a nation, nevertheless, which is the envy of the world.

If, G-d forbid, our country splits up, what happens to us as Jews? Will we enjoy the same freedoms, the same openness, the same acceptance? Will we be allowed the same freedom of religion, the right to develop our own educational and social services, the privilege of extending our financial aid to Israel?

I raise all these questions because in the years I have been associated with The Canadian Jewish News, I have noticed too-little evidence of our enthusiasm for Canada. Look through Miriam Herman's pages and see how many Canada Day celebrations are being planned — not many!

I am satisfied that most Jews in our country love Canada and are happy to be here. But perhaps we're taking it too much for granted — especially those who came here after the Second World War and who don't know much about our past history and the progress we've made.

I think it's time for Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith, Hadassah and all the other major organizations to join forces in promoting Canada and fighting separatism. Mere press releases and token actions won't do the trick. We have to get out and march and wave banners and let other Canadians know that we need and want a united country. That there's no room here for internecine feuds.

We can do all this within the existing framework of our Jewish life. Our pro-Canada activities need not detract one little bit from our Jewish activities because, after all, they are one and the same. By paying attention to Canada's internal problems, we are at the same time protecting ourselves. We need a united Canada to provide us with a continuing future.

As that old-time TV star Ed Sullivan used to say: "Let's hear it for Canada." It's a slogan we should adopt now, before the forces of division go any further.

ANALYSIS

Polish church-state alliance may not be a threat

By
RABBI MARC TANENBAUM

The reported proposal of the Roman Catholic bishops to abrogate church-state separation in Poland holds ambiguous meanings for Jews.

Should such a revised concordat between the Polish state and the Catholic Church be enacted, it would not be the first time Poland's constitution of 1921 had granted the Catholic Church an official and privileged position among the country's religious communities.

Article 114 of that constitution provided as follows: "The Roman Catholic religion, being that of the great majority of the nation, occupies the first place among the religions accepted as such by the State . . . The relations of the State and Church will be determined on the basis of a Concordat with the Holy See, which shall be ratified by the Sejm (Parliament)."

The forging of that church-state alliance had fatal consequences for the Jews of Poland. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Polish Catholic Church was integrally allied with right-wing, reactionary and anti-Semitic parties in Poland. The Camp of National Unity exploited anti-Semitism as a central political theme, and publicly made a case for excluding all of the several million Polish Jews from the country's political and cultural life.

In 1936, Cardinal Hlond, the Primate of Poland, issued a pastoral letter condemning Jews in invidious terms. He called for an economic boycott of all Jewish businesses and professions.

For obvious — and tragic — reasons, this latter-day attempt at a renewed alliance of Polish state and church represents far less of a threat to the Jewish community in Poland, which is today comprised of about 7,000 to 10,000 mostly elderly Jews.

Weighted in the balance must be the recent remarkable declaration of the Polish Catholic bishops who in January 1991 unambiguously condemned anti-Semitism and called for a systematic educational campaign to uproot these poisonous weeds from Polish life.

While I believe the cause of human rights should compel Jewish concern about such regressive moves in Poland or anywhere else, it would be foolhardy for Jews to be first in line to try to save Poland from its past.

The Polish intellectual and cultural leadership, particularly Polish youth, have a self-evident stake in keeping their nation open, democratic and committed to freedom of conscience and religion. The European Community, in which Poland may one day join, also has a primary interest in strengthening democracy and human rights among all their member nations, present or future.

Tragically, the Nazi Holocaust, which resulted in the destruction of more than three million Polish Jews, has rendered this church-state question more a symbolic issue than a real threat to the Jewish people.

— JTA

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Shavuot

Shavuot is the least well-known of the major Jewish festivals, probably because it has the least formal ceremony about it. Unlike Sukkot, there are no picturesque little buildings outside synagogues and homes and even on apartment balconies. And unlike Pesach, there is no flurry of shopping and cleaning and cooking.

The lack of ceremony is curious, because Shavuot celebrates the culmination of the events that led to the designation of the Jewish people as *am kodesh* a holy people. Pesach celebrates our Exodus from Egypt, and Sukkot commemorates the impermanence of our sojourn in the desert. But on Shavuot, we celebrate the central fact of Jewish existence, the acceptance of the Torah. This acceptance forged a nation from a band of escaped slaves, and gave to the Jewish people a law and an ethic that would enable us to survive not only that first perilous return to our homeland but millenia of war and persecution and dispersion.

In essence, the hallmarks of Shavuot are subtler than those of the other *chagim*. It is a festival filled with the symbols of pastoral beauty and fruition. In Israel, the first harvest is brought in. Everywhere in the Jewish world, synagogues and homes are decorated with greenery and flowers, and the scroll that is read recounts the acceptance of the Torah by Ruth and her marriage to Boaz, which led to the birth of King David.

Shavuot takes place in an atmosphere of quiet fulfillment, without external ceremony. It is a time for contemplation, first of all of the kind of people we are. Among our gifts to the world has been the idea of a society governed by moral law. And within the framework of that moral law, we have survived as a people and ultimately triumphed over all those who would destroy us.

It is also a time for contemplation of our own individual dedication to Jewish beliefs and values. On this festival, stripped of concrete symbols like the sukkah or the seder plate, we turn inward and find in our own hearts what it means to be a Jew.

The racism virus

While there are positive signs that Canada is becoming a more tolerant society — the appearance of visible minorities on television commercials, to cite one example — Canadians must not become complacent about the real dangers that racism poses to Canadian society.

Recent press reports indicate that some Chinese Canadians in Toronto and Vancouver have become the targets of hate literature. The substance of the attacks against these Canadian citizens does not warrant reproduction because it would involve repeating slander.

The Canadian Jewish community, which has also been the target of odious slanders from various hate groups, can commiserate with Chinese Canadians and the other ethnic groups in this country that have been the victims of racist agitation. Black and Asian Canadians have regrettably been subjected to prejudice and discrimination in this country.

Difficult economic times often induce people uncritically to seek scapegoats on which to hang the blame for layoffs, unemployment and other problems. Inevitably, as in the case of Germany during the Nazi regime, the exploration of racist feelings leads to a destabilization of the body politic, violence and eventually chaos.

It is true, of course, that one cannot compel people through legislation to change their views about racial or religious minorities, however offensive those views may be.

The purpose of the Criminal Code in Canada is not, however, to make people change their views, but to restrain them from acting out those views through discrimination, prejudice and the active promotion of hatred.

One of the lessons of Nazi Germany was that the systematic dehumanization of the Jews was effected through hate propaganda. This hatred, disseminated over a long period and with satanic ferocity, obliterated consideration of Jews as ordinary human beings and trasnformed them into "subhumans." Only in this context was the Holocaust possible.

Hate literature, restrictive real estate and business covenants against specific minorities, employment agency screening against blacks and other groups, boycotts against firms that trade with Israel — these are some of the discriminatory patterns that still exist in Canada. They are rooted in the misguided belief that certain Canadians are inferior to others.

The Criminal Code can help in neutralizing some of the more obvious expressions of racism in Canada but it cannot do the whole job. The churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and governments (provincial and federal) must assist in this important task of ensuring that Canada continues to ferret out and condemn bias and bigotry both in the public and private sectors.

TO THE EDITOR:

DISPUTES PLAUT'S COLUMN

I disagree with the view held by Rabbi Gunther Plaut that the "Loyalty of Jewish voters are moving to the Right" (CJN April 25th). This may be true of some Jews in the upper class and of the Jewish establishment but not of the great majority.

Following the last presidential election in the United States it has been estimated that around 70 per cent of Jewish voters supported the Democrats. There are more than twice as many Jewish members of Congress representing the Democratic party than there are Republicans. The same is true in Canada — five Jewish members representing the Liberals and New Democrats and only one Conservative.

Rabbi Plaut is also wrong with his statement that the danger of anti-Semitism is now more from the left than from the right. Since when are people like the Keegstras , the Zundels and the Rosses left wingers?

And what about the Klan in the United States, the neo-Nazi movement in Germany and Pamyat in the U.S.S.R? Are they also left-wing organizations?

Harry Simon
Toronto

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MAKUYA IN ISRAEL

Thank you for printing the photograph of this year's "Makuya" pilgrimage to the "Kotel" (CJN, April 11).

I lived in Israel for over one year and lived with the "Makuya." Actually, some of my best friends are "Makuya." They are SO LITTLE KNOWN in North America and it's a shame! They truly are Zionists and fight for us in Japan, and we all know the Japanese stand on Israel. I remember getting up at 5:30 a.m. on the kibbutz, on my way to feed the cows, and seeing the guys from "Makuya" go to do their morning prayers and recite Tehillim.

I've written to a girlfriend of mine in Tokyo and mailed her a copy of the newspaper clipping. They were thrilled to know that the Canadian Jewish paper did this.

Sarah Bensadon
Toronto

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HER SON FOUGHT

After reading the article in The CJN of April 11, Canadian Heroes Who Fought in War of Independence, I noticed that there was no mention of any boys (that fought that war in 1948) from Montreal.

There were quite a few, one of them is my son Leonard Waldman (In Israel Arieh Ya'aml). I can't remember the names of the other Montreal boys, but I know Leonard did. Presently Len is living in New Jersey, but his son and family are living in Israel in Kibbutz Hazorea.

Ida Waldman
Montreal

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MINORITIES IN QUEBEC

I don't object to the recent Jewish, Hellenic and Italian Alliance formed to fight for federalism in Quebec, but I object to the message that they may be bringing to the rest of Canada.

A recent Gazette article suggests that the groups' intention is to downplay the alienation and frustration of Quebec minorities and to convince Canadians that these communities are well "treated." One does not "treat" a minority, but accepts them as equals, and respects their individual rights and freedoms. In negotiating for the future of Canada, fundamental human rights and freedoms should not be traded off for financial or national security.

There is also a misrepresentation in the groups' message that "we are here to stay," and that "Quebec has an excellent record with regard to its minorities." One cannot ignore the mass exodus of Quebec minorities in the past and that further insecurities will result in added departures.

In the dialogue to follow, I trust that these groups claiming to speak on my behalf and others of the Jewish community will not clarify Quebec's position in a way that causes the Canadian Constitution to be amended so as to accord to Quebec the powers of a separate state. My vision of renewed federalism is a strong, united and centralized Canada wherein the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom reigns supreme. Anything else does not represent me.

Robert Bourassa

Sylvia Goldenblatt
Montreal

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JEWS IN BERMUDA

I am writing concerning the excellent article on Bermuda's Jewish community (2 Feb. 28) and the follow-up letter from Charlie Goldbloom of Montreal (March 21). Mr. Goldbloom wrote of his experience with the family of Myer M. Malloy in Bermuda with much affection.

I am Myer Malloy's granddaughter and am in the process of writing a book about the Malloys and their lives in Bermuda. I would appreciate hearing from Mr. Goldbloom and others concerning his memories of my family. The Malloys came to Bermuda in the early part of this century and were one of the few Jewish families in Bermudian history to have lived on the island for several generations.

Besides serving as the Jewish U.S.O. during the Second World War, the Malloys were responsible for many interesting points of Bermuda's history. They established the Bermuda Trading Co. and through this store with two branches on the island, they imported commercial refrigeration units — one of the first was the ice cream/soda fountain in the Phoenix Drugstore. They built the first supermarket, the Stop-n-Shop.

Our investment of love and work in Bermuda is an 80-year story. I am looking forward to writing the next chapter in that story through my narrative of the early days of the Jewish community in Bermuda.

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NO-NO TO MR. RASKY

As a long time subscriber to the Leah Posluns Theatre, I must say I was upset with Frank Rasky's review of *The Odd Couple*. 'Yes, yes,' the performance I attended was definitely a crowd pleaser. This was undoutedly due to the fine performances of the cast and direction by Ms. Stern.

You state that the Leah Posluns Theatre does not take artistic risks: Did you not attend the performance of *Bitter Friends*, which was, I believe, an original play based on the Pollard spy case and dealing with a most controversial subject, American-Israeli relations.

You also state your own preference of subjects to be produced. I am certain that the theatre would produce Canadian Jewish plays if they received worthwhile scripts. Perhaps you would care to write one. In the meantime, I would categorize your review and remarks as a "no-no."

Rena Berg
Toronto

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REBBE'S QUOTATION

I was shocked to read in The CJN that the Lubavitcher Rebbe rebuked Rabbi Eliezer Schach for claiming that the Holocaust was God's punishment to the Jews for abandoning the Torah, when Rabbi Schneerson himself wrote the identical thing some 10 years ago.

I have before me an excerpt from Rabbi Schneerson's book, *Emuna Umada* (Belief and Science), published by Machon Lubavitch in 1980, page 116, in which he postulates as to where God was when the Holocaust occurred.

His reply, in shortened version, was that "there also exists the possibility that a physical Holocaust will be spiritually beneficial since the domain of the body does not necessarily correspond with that of the soul."

After comparing God to a surgeon who amputates a diseased limb to save the life of the patient, the Lubavitcher Rebbe then wrote that God had warned the Jews to mend their ways, and since they failed to do so, he ordered that they be "slapped in the face."

I herewith undertake to donate $1,000 to Chabad if anyone can prove that this is not what Rabbi Schneerson wrote and meant.

Jay Jacobs
Toronto

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WINDOW SHUTS DOWN

The "Window of Opportunity" in the Middle East must have been an illusion.

In Iraq, the Kurds and the Shiites are being slaughtered by Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard.

In Kuwait, Palastinians are being killed, arrested, and tortured, according to news reports coming out of Kuwait.

In Beirut, car bombs are still being exploded and innocent people are being killed and maimed.

Muslim Fundamentalists are still holding in captivity Western hostages and there is no sign that this situation will soon change.

The Arab countries still adamantly refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist.

It looks like peace in the Middle East is still a long way off.

A. Noodelman
Montreal

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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JONAS — WALFISH — TAUBE

Jonah was the prophet who was thrown overboard and swallowed up by a whale. Jonah was a commonly adopted given name. Children of Jonah adopted the surname Jonas and Jonahson.

In some jurisdictions, Jews were prohibited from adopting surnames of Hebraic origin, in order to foster assimilation and the breakdown of ties to their religious tradition. They sought to preserve the connection of their name to Hebrew prophet Jonah by assuming the surname Walfish which means whale in German.

The word Jonah in Hebrew means dove, the German equivalent for which is Taube. This was an alternative for Jews whose forebears were named Jonah.

Opinion

Why writing these columns becomes harder and harder

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My most respected and highly esteemed readers; after two decades of intimate, weekly rendezvous in this blessed corner of our paper, I find the writing of it more and more difficult. This is a confession.

This difficulty is not, I assure you, due to age or the lack of subjects to deal with. The difficulty is the present state of the world we live in.

For one like myself, who, from early youth, was certain about the essential goodness of man and who placed the evils that man engages in on objective (outside) conditions, much of what happens now around the world is hard, very hard, to take.

Looking back on what happened in my lifetime I am often inclined to think that the rebirth of Israel is, perhaps, the outstanding, decent happening of the 20th century. (But there are some who maintain that if it had not been for the Holocaust, even that redeeming event of the century might not have taken place. . .)

The Russian Revolution of 1917-18 was hailed by millions around the world as the first, big, inaugural step towards a new era of man's hopes for the fulfilment of the Prophetic vision of a future when men will no longer lift a sword against another man. But:

Eighty years later the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.), is in economic disarray and increasingly weakened by the re-emergence of the "nation-state" republics that the Czars and, later, Lenin tried to knit together into a "coat of many colors."

J.B. Salsberg

Yes, and 80 or so years ago, the brilliant grandson of one of Germany's most prominent rabbinic dynasties, one Karl Marx (of mixed-marriage) whose parents converted him to Christianity in his childhood, became the prophet of world Socialism, as well as of atheism. To say the least, the ranks of his followers around the world have diminished greatly if not catastrophically, in numbers and in influence.

But, even within the confinement of a weekly column, would it be correct to evaluate all those historical stages as having had no positive effects on the progress of mankind? No. It should be self-evident that mankind's progress, such as it may be, never occurs without the rule of cause and effect.

The birth of capitalist society was surely an advance over agrarian feudal society and its social superstructures. And, in historical terms, the Russian revolution of 1917 helped to eradicate the worst features of feudalism and imperialist rule throughout the world. That task is not finished; especially in what has been known as the colonial world of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Central and South America etc.

It is that unfinished business that actually lies under many of the present "small wars" and painful, heartbreaking "upheavals" that plague the Middle East and elsewhere.

Now you, my patient readers, may begin to understand what I mean when I say that writing these columns becomes harder and harder. . .

It's heartbreaking to read and watch TV reports of the suffering of millions of young and old in the devastated regions of Iraq, (until recently also in Iran), of regions in Ethiopia and other Islamic countries.

What happened to the frantic slogans of "Islamic Brotherhood?" Where are the leaders of the Islamic religion when millions of their religious flock; infants, children, the young and the aged, are assembled in swampy camps, without adequate food and often without clean water to drink? Yes, where are those Islamic religious leaders?

In the midst of such a depressing scene what can one say in a column except to fall back on the old Yiddish outcry of "Gevalt! Gevalt!"

Oh, yes, and the scene at home is also, as they say in Yiddish, not "ay, ay, ay. . ."

Call it "recession" or call it "depression" it's the same "*tsores*" for an awful lot of good Canadian people; workers, farmers, white-collar people etc. Industries move to the U.S.A. as a result of the present federal government's free trade policies. Canadian working people (the rich don't have to do it) flock in ever-increasing numbers to Canada-U.S. border towns to buy lower-priced goods, thus undermining their own jobs at home. Again: Gevalt!

But don't despair, my good people. The latest issue of the Orthodox weekly, Der Algemeiner Journal of New York, features on its front page the glad tidings that the present global situation is, according to a respected galaxy of Orthodox rabbis, an indication that we are approaching the Messianic era. To which I say *Halevai* (may it be so).

However, I am a bit worried about predictions of the coming of Messiah. I was raised in the belief that Messiah will come to the generation that is all bad or all righteous. But who will dare to suggest that our Jewish ranks do not include countless good people even now? No one. Only rabid anti-Semites will utter such libel.

So, the bottom line would indicate that we, our generation is suitable for the great event. I know that you and I surely are.

So, don't despair. The Messianic age lies ahead of us.

Founded USDS, headed UJA

Rabbi Rosenberg remembered for impact on community

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Subsequent to the unveiling of a gravestone commemorating the late Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, a special memorial assembly was held at Beth Torah Congregation in Toronto. It was my privilege to participate and help render a tribute to a man whose latter-year difficulties must not be allowed to hide the enormous and lasting contributions which he made to Canadian Jewry.

When he came from New York to Toronto in the 1950s, he soon made his impact felt. Splendidly educated (he had a PhD from Columbia University), fluent in Hebrew and Yiddish and a gifted orator, he attracted large congregations whom he held spellbound.

It was he who founded the United Synagogue Day School (the Solomon Schechter Schools in Toronto are today the largest Conservative school system anywhere in the world). He acquired the magnificent Cecil Roth art collection and housed it in the Beth Tzedec Museum. He brought great intellecutal figures to Toronto for the "Great Scholars Weekends." He created an Institute of Ethics which regularly published the deliberations of the invitees. He moved Canadian Jewish Congress to estabalish a cultural foundation, and he headed the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto during crucial times.

The Christian community, too, provided a field for his labors. He helped to establish the Christian-Jewish Dialogue, with its regular monthly luncheons which, for many years, brought together the heads of all major Christian and Jewish denominations.

Rabbi Plaut

These and more accomplishments were amongst those which a small group of speakers presented to those who had come to honor the rabbi's memory: Jack Orenstein, who had served with Rabbi Rosenberg as executive director of Beth Tzedec; Marty Goldenberg, dynamic young community leader who acknowledged his debt to his rabbi and stressed his pioneer efforts to create the Judaica courses at the University of Toronto; William Dunphy, professor and principal of St. Michael's College, who spoke of the dialogue group; and Wendy Eisen, co-chair of the Soviet Jewry Committee of Congress, who had a special message for the assembly.

She reported an interview with Rabbi Rosenberg two years ago, when he was already quite ill, but with his mind as sharp as ever. Eisen is writing a book on the Canadian contribution to the liberation and settlement of Soviet Jewry, in which the rabbi played a key role. He was the first in Toronto to call attention to what was then a forgotten segment of our people.

As early as 1961, he visited Soviet Jews. He never let us forget their yearnings, repressed though they were at the time by a communist regime. He also made a trip to Iran to study its Jewish community that had millennia-old roots in the land — yet whose fate was soon to come in jeopardy. And last but not least, while he led the Toronto UJA, he brought David Ben-Gurion to Canada, to help spark that outpouring of Jewish generosity that has since become a phenomenon known the world over.

When I first came to Toronto 30 years ago, he extended a warm and welcoming hand and as it happened, it was in his synagogue that I gave my first public address (it was the opening fund-raising meeting for a new Jewish Home for the Aged, now called the Baycrest Centre).

Ours was not an intimate friendship; rather, it was a relationship based on mutual respect. We worked together to establish the Toronto Rabbinic Fellowship, which in its day encompassed the entire spectrum of Jewish religious opinion. We even made strides in a project which never saw fruition: the establishment of an academy of Jewish studies. It was designed for those who wanted to enlarge their knowledge and was also meant to attract students who wished to prepare themselves for the rabbinate.

Scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Hebrew Union College were to be part of the faculty. We had the agreement of the presidents of both institutions, but then events overtook us and prevented us from pursuing this project, of which both of us had dreamt together.

In addition to all this, Stuart wrote a weekly personal guidance column in the Toronto Star, and he managed to publish books on a wide range of topics — from theology to Canadian Jewish history, from psychology to social analysis. He was an unusual man, gifted with large intellectual capacity, great energy and personal charisma. He and Hadassah, his wife, herself a well-known Semiticist, a teacher at the university and a popular lecturer, greatly enriched the Canadian scene.

His latter years were marred by controversy and ultimately by a debilitating illness. But when the history of Canadian Jewry and Toronto Jewry especially, will be written, his name should loom large. In Bialik's words: *Haya ish, v'ein od.* There was a man and he is no more.

In war and in peace there is a hierarchy of species

By
ELAINE KAHN

I'm ashamed of myself for, after the Gulf War ended, letting days go by with the newspapers unread and weeks without the TV news watched, as I needed a break. Because of course what I mean by "ended" is that Israel and Canada are no longer involved. It's not over for the Iraqis and Kurds.

Reading about the Kurds is tough. I put the paper down and go for lunch with my mother.

Our usual tuna melt is no longer on the menu. Seems the restaurant no longer serves tuna, because of the recent controversy over gill netting, in which nets set for tuna also caught and killed dolphins and other sea life.

There's an attempt at genocide going on in at least one place in the world, the menu still lists chicken, beef and ham and I'm supposed to be impressed that they've struck a blow for little fishies and dolphins?

Worse, if I'm not impressed, I could be accused of specism. Specism, a rapidly growing "ism," means thinking there's an unjust immoral hierarchy of species, with humans at the top. Such thinking is supposedly what got us into our ecological mess and is no longer acceptable in some circles. "Ye gods and little fishes" is no longer about extremes, but about equals.

When I decided to get serious about news again, I read that Michael Wilson, having long administered money policies that seem to be ruining Canada, is now the super-minister in charge of our international financial dealings. All I can figure is that he is now heading the effort to sell us to the States and Joe Clark has his new super-minister of unity job to make sure Wilson has a complete package to sell.

Elaine Kahn

As you know, although brothels may rent by the hour, when it's time to sell, you sell the whole building.

I've been preparing myself mentally now for months to become an American — against my will, but because we can't have an election for another two years and by then it may all be over. As my sister wryly says, the only advantage is that you could then move to a warm climate without feeling unpatriotic.

I'm hearing, much more frequently, of people moving to the United States. Today at the JCC I overheard a group of teens talking about how Canada disgusts them and how they are heading south as soon as they turn 18. Many of us already treat Canada as a way-station and have winter or summer places (or both) elsewhere, often south of the border. You start to feel like you must be second rate if you, as I do, actually want to stay here, preferably under the current flag.

Not that I don't admire the Americans. They invented chocolate-covered potato chips, tummy cast showers for pregnant women (you make a cast of your tummy at the shower and your guests sign it when it's dry) and, as seen again in their most recent military involvement, have a fine mastery of "love 'em and leave 'em" morality. They've even figured out how to fax outer space.

Last month, an American astronaut died in a plane crash. The irony of it hangs in the air for those inclined to think, rather than feel. But then, death is always sad, and as we all seem to know so disgustingly well, you just can't get too wrapped up in it when it's strangers, be it one person or a whole people, or you'll get depressed.

So I concentrated on a different part of the story: news of the astronaut's death needed to be sent to colleagues afloat in the space shuttle up at the time, so it was faxed to them.

You've really got to ask yourself why this was necessary. Couldn't they just have told them straight out over Mission Control's controls? Or phoned collect? Was it perhaps a scientific experiment? Good, so now we know that, although you and I can wait days for a phone repair and in some countries it takes years to get a phone, to outer space you can fax.

I remain resolutely VCR-illiterate and don't know how to work my parents' microwave. But there are phones in almost every room in this house, a few of them with computer memory, three phone lines and I can't wait until a fax becomes reasonably priced for home use. The few times a year I need to send fax messages, I go to my husband's office and am high for the rest of the day.

The fax is the perfect toy for me: it gives the illusion of talking on the phone, while actually being a way to transmit the written word. And I write better than I talk.

The day I get my own fax, our politicians better watch out. I'm going to turn into a one-person lobby, sending out kvetches big and small whenever the mood strikes.

Meanwhile, I'll use stamps and envelopes — you use whatever you want. But there's a slaughter going on in Iraq right now and you've got to do something.

How do we live with ourselves knowing we're letting this happen, with our government offering only humanitarian aid, whatever that means. (What Jew can truly not understand that no aid really counts for much in this case, aside from taking in as many refugees as needed, pressuring the world to follow suit and pressing for the establishment of an independent Kurdish state)? Where's the massive worldwide human revolt against the killings? Where's the Jewish community's mobilization?

If Saddam was "Hitler" during the war, what is he now?

There are many things we as Jews choose to give up as we acculturate to the societies we live in, whether Israel or outside Israel. Right now, it seems to me we are giving up our right to ever again accuse others of having a short historical memory.

Features

Easier to hate than to love

Gould asks what "they" think of Jews

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jews are not like Icelanders, Swedes or Costa Ricans. Eliciting anything but boring indifference, they engender a broad range of feelings, running the gamut from intense animus to glittering admiration:

•Martin Luther, the German theologian, initially regarded Jews with warmth, but then dismissed them as an "insufferable, devilish burden," while asserting that their synagogues should be "set on fire."

•Francois Voltaire, the philosopher, claimed they were "the greatest scoundrels who have ever sullied the face of the globe."

•Marshall McLuhan, the Canadian sage, observed: "Canada needs about two million Jews to bring life to it."

•John Adams, the second president of the United States, remarked that "the Hebrews have done more to civilize man than any other nation."

For better or worse, Jews have not escaped the scrutiny of their fellow human beings. "Like the weather — just as loved and hated — it seems as if everyone who has ever lived has had something to say about the Jews," says Allan Gould, a Toronto writer whose book, *What Did They Think Of The Jews?* (Stewart House, $39.95), has just been published.

What Did They Think Of The Jews? contains over 200 entries attributed to well-known men and women from the dawn of civilization through today — from Cicero and Thomas Hobbes to Harriet Beecher Stowe and Ernest Hemingway.

Gould, who plowed through some 10,000 books to compile his 615-page tome, omitted all works of fiction from *What Did They Think Of The Jews?* He also left out commentaries by Jews. "I felt that the raison d'etre of this book was to inform the public of what the gentile world has written, said or whispered about the Jews."

Like almost everyone else who has studied the phenomena of anti-Semitism and philo-Semitism, Gould is both puzzled and disconcerted by the usually strong reactions Jews touch off. "Why do they love us with a passion or hate us with a rage?" he wondered out loud one recent afternoon.

In delving into the literature, Gould — an observant Jew — was alternately horrified and delighted by his discoveries.

The anti-Semitism of T.S. Eliot, Nathaniel Hawthorne ("one of my life-long idols in literature") and Joseph Conrad distressed and depressed Gould. "Ditto Jack London, Willa Cather and Katherine Anne Porter. Their knee-jerk dislike of Jews was stunning."

But Gould drew sustenance from such pro-Jewish figures as Winston Churchill, Thornton Wilder, Henrik Ibsen, James Joyce, Sinclair Lewis, C.P. Snow and Robert Graves.

What Did They Think Of The Jews? is shot through with anti-Semitic utterings, but to Gould, "the most shocking (anti-Jewish) statement" is expressed by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, the great Russian novelist.

In *The Diary of a Writer*, Dostoyevsky ruminated: "...how would it be if in Russia there were not three million Jews, but three million Russians and... 80 million Jews... Would (the Jews) permit (the Russians) to acquire equal rights. Would they permit them to worship freely in their midst? Wouldn't they convert them into slaves? Worst than that: wouldn't they skin them altogether? Wouldn't they slaughter them to the last man... as they used to do with alien peoples... during their ancient history?"

And yet, as a flip of the page indicates, Dostoyevsky was decidely in favor of granting Jews civil rights in formal legislation.

In the two years it took him to collect and edit the material in *What Did They Think Of The Jews?*, Gould was always careful not to quote his subjects out of context.

"That was a constant fear. But even greater was the concern that I would find an anti-Semitic remark in someone's letters and possibly ignore a growing philo-Semitism later in his/her life. I tried to remain open to changes in attitude, and to be as thorough as possible in my studies.

"A good example would be the American author John Steinbeck, who had an easy dislike for Jews earlier in his life, but grew more sensitive and sympathetic later, after watching the outrages in Nazi Germany."

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Born in Detroit and raised in Toronto, Gould, 46, holds a BA from Wayne State University, an MA from New York University and a doctorate in English.

As a freelance journalist, Gould has produced numerous articles for leading Canadian periodicals and written or co-authored 16 books, including *The New Entrepreneurs: 80 Canadian Success Stories*, *Canned Lit* (a sardonic guide to Canadian literature) and *The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists*. As a speaker on such topics as Jewish humor, literature and the Holocaust, the fast-talking Gould has lectured all over North America.

With the exception of one fleeting slur thrown his way in the second grade, anti-Semitism was simply not part of his boyhood experience. But Gould's father, Isaac Gold, was not allowed to join the Lithographer's Union in Toronto. As a result, he immigrated to the United States, where he worked for Henry Ford, "who didn't mind hiring a hard-working white man with an Irish-sounding name like Earl Gould (who had wisely left Isaac Gold back in the unwelcoming town of Toronto)."

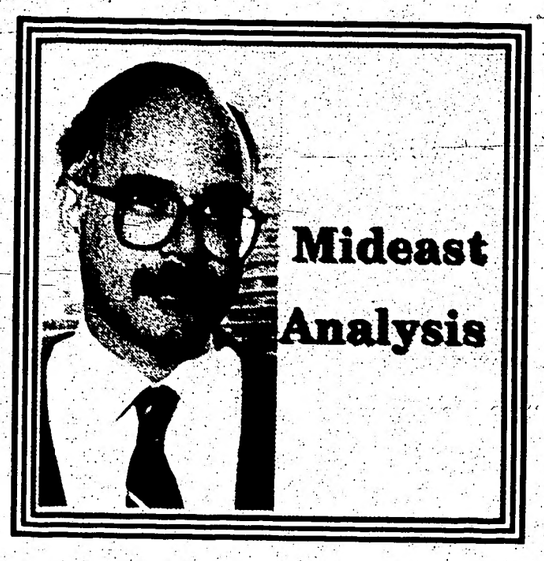
Gould's mother was no stranger to discrimination either. "She would describe how every job application form in Toronto in the 1920s — and, I have been told, right into the 1950s — not only asked for one's age, sex and marital status, but religion and race."

To Gould, anti-Semitism is an endemic phenomenon. "I want to believe that, after the Holocaust, it would have disappeared. Yet I sense that Jew-hatred, like the poor, will always be with us."

And yet, as Gould argues, *What Did They Think Of The Jews?* ultimately leaves a reader with a measure of hope.

For nearly every anti-Semite, there is a philo-Semite. Says Gould, "It's easier to hate than to love."

Allan Gould



Mideast Analysis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

An aura of exasperating deja vu has descended on James Baker's shuttle in the Middle East. Baker, the U.S. secretary of state, has visited the region three times in the past two months in an attempt to convene a regional peace conference. Baker has achieved precious little, but he hasn't given up. Last week, he was in the Mideast again.

Baker originally embarked on his self-appointed peace mission in the wake of a political crisis and a fierce air and land war in the Persian Gulf, all of which seemed to have the effect of clearing the air in the region. Iraq, a menace to all, was resoundingly crushed and defanged. Israel, which suffered through the nightmare of Scud attacks, was led to believe that a new, peaceful era was on the horizon and that, as a result, it would be able to allocate more of its scarce resources to the historic task of absorbing Soviet immigrants. Kuwait, a hardline anti-Israel state which owed its liberation primarily to the United States, hinted that it would support an Arab rapprochement with Israel. Saudi Arabia made noises about peace. Syria, having moved closer to the West by virtue of its membership in the coalition, let it be known that it could be coaxed into a peace process.

There was, in other words, a feeling that, at long last, a "window of opportunity" had opened, and that the intractable Arab-Israeli dispute might well be resolved through diplomatic means. It was a heady time in the Middle East.

But, as the indefatigable Baker is learning to his disappointment, no single problem in international relations today is more complex than the long-simmering and occasionally explosive Arab-Israeli conflict. Rancor, mistrust and suspicion unfortunately still characterize Israel's relations with the Arabs, notwithstanding Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt.

Consequently, Baker is running into incredibly difficult obstacles that may yet prompt him to throw up his hands in utter despair, and leave Israel and the Arabs to stew in their own juices.

If he is frustrated by his lack of progress so far, Baker can take solace from the fact that his worthy and perhaps high-minded predecessors in the State Department could do no better. Three years ago last month, George Shultz, having resolved to bring the parties in the Middle East to their senses, ended his odyssey on a plaintive note. "I can't report any particular sense of convergence in our initiative at this point," he said, in one of the great understatements of 1988.

Baker has been through the Middle East wringer before. Well-intentioned efforts in 1989 by the United States to convene Israeli-Palestinian talks proved fruitless. But Baker was not deterred, and at the urging of President George Bush set off once again, carrying a plan which envisaged separate Israel-Arab and Israel-Palestinian negotiations as well as mutual "confidence-building" measures designed to encourage trust, moderation and compromise.

Not surprisingly, Baker has been bloodied by a tangle of procedural and substantive thorns. Needless to say, no one is accepting responsibility for his setback.

Israel insists on a onetime, ceremonial regional meeting leading to direct talks. The Arab states want an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations — which Israel mistrusts. Israel refuses to deal with Palestinians associated with the PLO or living in East Jerusalem, while the Arab side argues that no group of Palestinians should be excluded from the negotiating table.

But these issues, prickly as they are, pale into insignificance in comparison to the territorial question. Israel's Likud government will not trade land for peace, while an Israeli withdrawal is the Arabs' most basic demand. On this crucial issue, the United States more or less supports the Arabs. Furthermore, Israel continues to build new settlements in the territories, which has sparked Baker's ire.

So it's clear that an impasse has developed... yet again. But what else is new in the Middle East?

Bulgarian community being renewed

By
RUTH GRUBER

Last Passover, for the first time in his life, 45-year-old Isidore Ajzner attended a seder.

"It was very beautiful," recalled Ajzner, an intense, bearded businessman who is president of the 250-member Jewish community in Ruse, a port town on the Danube River in northern Bulgaria.

Community seders like the one in Ruse and the one in the capital, Sofia, which had to be spread out over three nights in order to accommodate 1,500 people, symbolize a renaissance of Jewish life in Bulgaria after more than 40 years of rule by a Communist government that defined Judaism not as a religion but as an ethnic identity.

Bulgaria is the one country in Eastern Europe whose prewar Jewish population — about 50,000 people — survived the Holocaust practically intact.

All but a few thousand of those survivors immigrated to Israel immediately after the Second World War. Those who remained were subject to the assimilationist and secularizing policies of the hardline Communist regime.

"Here in Ruse, there were no religious celebrations since about 1950," Ajzner said. "Maybe the elderly Jews knew when the holidays were, but that was it. There was a Jewish club which met on Wednesday nights, and around the holidays they prepared traditional foods — but that was the only celebration. There were no prayer rooms, nothing.

"Bulgaria tried to be an example of a place where Jewishness was defined by traditions, not religion," he added.

All this has changed — and is still changing — since the downfall of the Communist regime in November 1989.

The Communist-dominated Jewish cultural organizations and clubs have been replaced by a new, nationwide association called the Shalom Organization, founded in March 1990.

"Our main task is to revive Jewish religion, culture, education and social life in Bulgaria, as well as to revive contacts with Jewish communities all over the world," Eddie Schwartz, president of the Shalom Organization, said in an interview at his office in Sofia.

"We've made the first steps. We have contacts now with the World Jewish Congress, European Jewish organizations and individual communities in Europe, as well as with Israel, particularly with Bulgarian Jews in Israel," he said, noting that more than 1,000 Bulgarian Jews had made aliya in the past 18 months.

Bulgaria broke relations with Israel after the Six Day war in 1967, but re-established relations last year.

"The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is now back in action here after being barred since the 1950s.

"At least 200 young people in Sofia and Plovdiv are attending Hebrew classes and a young man, Maxim Koen, is studying to become the first rabbi who will serve here for years," he said.

In addition, there are Sunday school programs and Talmud Torah classes and scores of children attend new Jewish camps during holidays.

There has been a noticeable increase in attendance at Shabbat and other services in Sofia.

Sofia — where more than half of Bulgaria's estimated 5,000 Jews live — and Plovdiv are the only two cities in the country with functioning synagogues.

The Sofia synagogue, in the heart of the city, is a magnificent, domed, turn-of-the-century building — the biggest Sephardic synagogue in the Balkans. It is in poor repair, however, and the main sanctuary, full of scaffolding and awaiting reconstruction, is not usable.

Services are held in a small prayer room in the building. Lately, this small room is full on Friday nights, with quite a few young people in attendance. — *JTA*

Seek voice in absorption policy

Vaad leaders meet Shamir

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Soviet Jewish leaders visiting Israel last week asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to give them a voice in setting absorption policy.

They warned that urgent steps must be taken to "prevent a national tragedy."

The leaders of the Vaad, the confederation of Jewish institutions in the Soviet Union, asked Shamir for an urgent meeting to discuss the establishment of an international co-ordinating body to cope with "the critical situation in immigrant absorption."

The Vaad leaders were attending the plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress, which for the first time included a representative delegation of Soviet Jews, numbering 65 people.

In a letter to Shamir, Vaad leader Michael Chlenov cited recent hunger strikes and protests by immigrants, as well as a camp of homeless immigrants in the Galilee development town of Carmiel, as evidence of worsening conditions for the Soviet newcomers.

"The situation threatens to deteriorate to a social explosion, with unpredictable consequences for aliya and for the State of Israel," he wrote.

The Israeli daily Ha'aretz published the results of a survey showing that over half of the Soviet Jews who arrived here during the last six months of 1990 are unemployed.

Only 15 per cent of the families who arrived this year have at least one member working, and about 30 per cent of them work as domestics.

The survey was conducted last month by the Tatzpit research institute, headed by Dr. Aharon Fein. A representative sample of 615 immigrants who arrived in Israel between September 1989 and March 1991 were interviewed at 40 locations.

Chlenov said in an interview that what the Soviet delegation heard from immigrants was "very worrying. We were urged by many immigrants to raise these issues, because they have almost no voice. Our voice is important to them."

The Vaad delegates met for six hours with Jewish Agency leaders to discuss preparations for aliya made in the Soviet Union and the actual move to Israel, tasks which are handled by the agency. Providing jobs and housing for the mass aliya is the responsibility of the government.

The Vaad delegates were frustrated that during sessions of the WJC assembly, attended by hundreds of Jewish community leaders from around the world, little time was devoted to aliya and absorption.

Grigory Kroupnikov, a Zionist leader from Riga, Latvia, said that "the speakers at the assembly keep telling us that the Soviet aliya is the most important event in Jewish history today. But why, out of a three-day conference, is only an hour and a half devoted to this subject?"

The immigrants themselves are also frustrated, and that could have political repercussions.

According to the Tatzpit survey, only 35 per cent of respondents polled about their political leanings would support one of Israel's existing political parties. Sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of creating a separate Soviet party.

One Soviet immigrant did just that. A little-known immigrant named Yosef Hurul announced he was forming the Zionism, Immigration and Democratic Party, which would focus on problems confronting the immigrant community.

U.S. threat angers Israel leaders

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli leaders are angered by recent American hints that the Jewish state cannot expect continued U.S. economic aid to help resettle thousands of Soviet immigrants if it categorically rejects territorial compromises for peace.

The proliferation of Jewish settlements in the territories has become a major bone of contention between Washington and Jerusalem, especially since new settlements were hastily erected during Secretary of State James Baker's recent diplomatic visits to the region.

The issue was raised in unusually blunt language by the U.S. ambassador to Israel, William Brown, in an address to Israeli business leaders May 3 at the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv.

Observing that Israel has given "tremendous priority" to "providing housing in the territories," Brown said there was "no guarantee" Israel would receive the billions of dollars in loan guarantees it plans to request from Washington.

Brown's comment drew an angry response from Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. "I don't like what I heard," the Likud minister told Israel Radio's English-language newscast. He said he assumed the U.S. envoy was expressing the Bush administration's views.

Israel will not sell its vital interests in return for the money it needs to absorb the immigrants, Moda'i said, echoing a statement made in New York by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sharon, who returned from an American tour May 5 furious over being snubbed by the administration in Washington, warned against pressure on Israel to trade "land for Jews," meaning to give up some disputed territory for the money needed to absorb Soviet olim.

Israel's ambassador in Washington, Zalman Shoval, confirmed that Israel would seek some $10 billion worth of loan guarantees this fall for absorption needs.

"We are going to approach the American government, and we can only hope and pray" that the response "will be a humanitarian one and that this will not be linked with political considerations of the moment," Shoval said in an address to the 85th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

Israel has already received a $400 million loan guarantee from the United States for Soviet immigrant housing. In exchange, it pledged not to direct Soviet emigres to the territories.

But Brown implied strongly that the Israeli government was evading that commitment by making it vastly easier for the newcomers to obtain housing in the territories than in Israel proper.

"Indeed, as we found out recently, mobile homes that sometimes take months to install on this side of the Green Line seem to be installed overnight in the West Bank," Brown said.

The "Green Line" is the boundary between the Arab territories Israel captured in the 1967 war and Israel proper.

Brown warned Israel in general not to count on foreign aid to absorb its immigrants.

"As a friend, I must tell you that to base your hopes mainly on the generosity of foreign governments, even my own, is not the whole solution. There can be no assurances that tens of billions of dollars will materialize that way," he said.

Although Israel says it is prepared to negotiate directly with the Arab states and Palestinians, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has vowed repeatedly that Israel would make no territorial compromises.

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Soviet Jewry

Potential olim waiting for upturn in Israel's economy

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Many Soviet Jews who intend to immigrate to Israel are waiting until the employment and economic picture brightens there before making aliya, says the secretary general of the Jewish Agency.

Speaking recently at Congregation Habonim in Toronto, Howard Weisband cited statistics that indicate that Soviet aliya, which dropped dramatically during the Gulf War, has been slow to recover. "The numbers are increasing, but they're not yet at pre-war levels," he said.

"The question (a prospective immigrant asks) is: (If employment is not being created, then do I chance it, or do I wait?) The answer is, they wait. We can see it in the numbers."

Worldwide aliya to Israel stood at 12,000 in 1988 and 24,000 in 1989, then jumped above 200,000 in 1990, largely due to what Weisband called a dramatic "sea of change" in the Soviet Union.

Currently, some 800,000 Soviet Jews hold letters of invitation from the Israeli government, while an additional 100,000 have taken the next step in the process of aliya and have secured visas.

As many as 1.5 million Soviet Jews are expected to settle in Israel in the next five years.

Employment is the most important factor behind aliya, said Weisband. "It's the reason people stay or leave. Most olim who have left do for a reason related to employment. And right now in Israel, it's the bleakest picture of all."

He complained that the government lacks a sound strategic economic plan "at a time when, for the price of a plane ticket, we have the good fortune to be receiving PhDs."

Assessing how Israel has been coping with the historic aliya of the last 18 months, Weisband gave the country top marks for facilitating "aliya of rescue" but said it wasn't doing enough to facilitate "aliya of choice."

"We're struggling to get 1,800 olim a year from North America. Our budget is focussed on the East at a time when some of us feel that Jews throughout the world should make aliya to the state of Israel," said the American-born official who now lives in Jerusalem.

However, he admitted that the Jewish state has been unable to keep pace with the staggering housing demands imposed by its new residents.

Before 1990, some 20,000 housing units were built per year, he said, whereas some 56,800 units are currently in construction and a further 94,900 slated for completion this year. "It's an accomplishment in spite of the political paralysis inside the government," he commented.

Weisband was most enthusiastic when it come to funding. He praised the government for devoting about 19 per cent of its latest budget to absorbing new citizens from the U.S.S.R., Ethiopia, Albania, Bulgaria and other countries.

"Only 17 per cent of the budget is devoted to security and defence," he noted. "This is a historic change. It's the first time since 1948 that defence and security isn't the largest item."

Howard Weisband

Although a "phenomenal success," Operation Exodus was designed when Israel was expecting only 50,000 olim per year. "We need more money, because the reality is that aliya, thank G-d, has outrun the campaign, and our three-year program had to become our two-year program," Weisband said.

Weisband praised the quality of Israel-Diaspora relations, saying that North American Jewry has proven its expertise in developing model community organizations.

"Now we have to go a step further, into advocacy and political lobbying," he said. "We have to put into the Israel-Diaspora relationship our ability to have an impact on media, public thinking and government policy and positions, to make change in a positive and constructive way."

The business acumen of Diaspora Jews must be applied in Israel "on a for-profit basis," he continued. "Diaspora businessmen must roll up their sleeves and get involved," he said.

With the prospect of increased trade links with the European Common Market and the United States, Weisband suggested that Israel "could be the Hong Kong of the Middle East. The potential is enormous."

He suggested that Israel could also do more in the area of "spiritual absorption. "We have to do more to reach the soul of the individual," he said. "We haven't been putting enough time and effort into this.

"Former prime minister Levi Eshkol once said, 'This year, we're making history; next year, we must make a living'," Weisband said. "That's the challenge before us."

April immigration reaches 16,000

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Some 16,000 Soviet Jews immigrated to Israel in April, the highest monthly total this year but still far fewer than the 20,000 who had been expected.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, which assists with immigration, put the monthly total at 15,585, while the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York announced a figure of 16,286.

According to Jewish Agency spokesman Gad Ben-Ari, tens of thousands of Soviet Jews are putting off plans to immigrate here for the time being because of the housing and employment problems in Israel.

But he said the Jewish Agency expects a modest increase this month in Soviet aliya, which totals about 50,000 for the calendar year to date.

According to the agency, a total of 17,272 immigrants arrived in Israel last month, including 997 Jews from Ethiopia. That was an improvement over March, when aliya was halted for two weeks, bringing the total for the month to 696 arrivals.

About 100,000 Jews in the Soviet Union now hold visas for Israel that they are not using for the time being, the Jewish Agency spokesman said. Ben-Ari said the lines outside the Israeli Consulate in Moscow now are mainly composed of those seeking to extend the validity of their visas, which are valid for only three months.

An official of the Jewish Agency's aliya information centre said that recent telephone and mail queries from Soviet Jews about conditions in Israel show that they have a realistic understanding about the problems of finding affordable housing and decent jobs here.

A considerable portion of the Soviet Jews coming here are from the Ukraine, particularly Kiev. Last year, about a third of all Soviet immigrants came from this region, which is still suffering from the radioactivity released five years ago by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The worsening absorption situation occupied the members of the Jewish Agency executive, which met last week in Jerusalem. The executive, which includes Diaspora fund-raising and community leaders, adopted a proposal by chairman Simcha Dinitz for an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Shamir.

The heads of the agency asked Shamir to take charge of absorption policy personally and to head the ministerial absorption committee, which Housing Minister Sharon now chairs. Shamir replied that he was already sufficiently involved.

Paul Berger of Washington, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, told the executive that there is a growing feeling in the United States that the Israeli government cannot cope with the mass wave of aliya and is not properly utilizing the resources set aside for this purpose.

Dinitz told the executive that 85 per cent of the immigrants leaving the Soviet Union now arrive at the transit points in Eastern Europe by rail. Only a small percentage arrive by air, because they can bring much more baggage with them by rail.

He said that some 5,000 Soviet Jews have applied for immigration visas to Germany.

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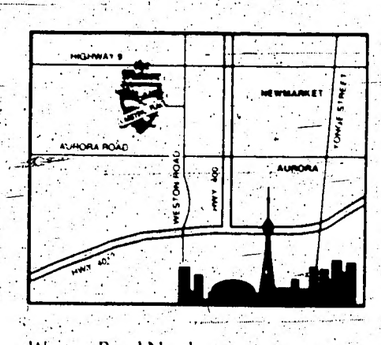

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Moscow interested in co-operation

Soviet Middle East policy seen benefiting Israel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — The Soviet Union's current Middle East policy has been to Israel's advantage and the PLO's disadvantage, a conference on the topic was told recently.

Speakers agreed that "new political thinking" in Moscow since the accession to power of Mikhail Gorbachev has led to a sea change in Soviet policy vis-a-vis the region.

The full-day conference at the University of Toronto was jointly sponsored by the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East and the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East.

Mark Heller of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security observed that the old Soviet attitude of providing client states with economic and military support in exchange for ideological and political support has run its course.

Today, Moscow is more interested in improving ties with the West and in eliminating Third World conflicts from the Soviet-American agenda.

The Soviets, he said, have introduced two extremely important changes to their Mideast policy:

•They do not regard the Middle East as an area of superpower rivalry, but of co-operation.

•After the fiasco in Afghanistan, they have no intention of getting embroiled in a regional war.

Moscow's military-industrial complex, however, has a vested interest in maintaining Soviet "military interests" in the Middle East. This group has "held up" a resumption of full diplomatic relations with Israel.

Carol Saivetz of Harvard argued that two heretofore sacrosanct concepts — ideology and class struggle — are no longer integral components of Soviet foreign policy.

In addition, there is a recognition in Moscow that if *perestroika* (restructuring of the economy) is to succeed, there must be a relaxation in international tensions, particularly in the Middle East, and an improvement in relations with the West.

As well, Soviet decision-makers now recognize that the Arab-Israeli dispute is caused by indigenous factors, and not by Western imperialism.

As a result of the "new thinking" prevalent in Moscow, she said, the Soviet Union — which broke ties with Israel during the Six Day War — has changed its Mideast policy:

•Moscow told the PLO that Israel has legitimate security concerns.

•Syria was informed that the absence of Soviet-Israel relations was "abnormal." Subsequently, the Soviet Union established trade, cultural and consular relations with Israel.

•The Soviet Union has dropped its support of Syrian efforts to achieve "strategic parity" with Israel.

•Moscow has shored up ties with the moderate Arab camp — Egypt, the Arab states along the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia.

•The Soviets have adopted a fresh attitude toward the United Nations, perceiving it as a force for peace and stability in the Middle East.

Rex Brynen of McGill noted that Soviet ties with the PLO have deteriorated to the degree that the PLO leadership no longer views Moscow as a reliable ally.

Given the parlous state of its economy and its desire to attract Western investment and aid, the Soviet Union feels more vulnerable to U.S. and Israeli pressure, he commented.

Brynen pointed out that the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, combined with Yasser Arafat's support of Iraq in the Gulf crisis, has weakened the PLO.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev

Robert Freedman of Baltimore Hebrew University outlined the "tremendous changes" that have taken place in the Soviet Union's relations with Israel in the Gorbachev era.

Apart from establishing consular ties with Israel and entering into regular high-level consultations with the Jewish state, Moscow has taken a "much more balanced" approach to Israel in its media, and permitted vast numbers of Jews to emigrate.

The Soviet Union is telling its Arab friends that the Arab-Israeli conflict can only be solved through diplomatic means. And at the United Nations, Moscow has stopped backing Arab motions to expel Israel.

There has been a "de-ideologization" of Soviet foreign policy, and Zionism is "not the enemy it used to be."

Moscow's new stance toward Israel, Freedman speculated, is largely a function of its interest in forging better relations with the United States and in playing a role in the Middle East peace process.

In general, he said, hard-line Communists and Russian nationalists oppose Gorbachev's rapprochement with Israel, while liberals and philo-Semites favor it.

Czechs sell tanks to Syria

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Economic exigencies are forcing Czechoslovakia to sell tanks to Syria, its prime minister, Marian Calfa, explained here recently.

Calfa, who was in Jerusalem as guest of the World Jewish Congress' ninth plenary assembly, acknowledged that the weapons, Soviet-designed T-72 tanks, pose a military challenge to Israel.

His admission drew an angry response from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who reminded the Czechoslovak statesman that the Soviet bloc had always demonstrated its hostility toward Israel by selling or supplying advanced weaponry to Israel's enemies.

But Czechoslovakia is no longer part of a Communist bloc and is striving for democracy and a market economy. That in essence is the reason why it must sell its products to all comers, Syria included, if it is to achieve economic viability, explained Calfa, who clearly views world Jewry as a potential source of investments in his country.

"We Czechs would much prefer to lock up the arms factories and convert to peaceful production," he said.

Both in public and in his private session with Shamir on May 6, Calfa stressed that his country's position was dictated by economic imperatives.

Czechoslovakia wants to phase out its massive armaments industries and convert to civilian production, he said. But that takes time and costs money.

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Chag Sameach

Torah learning, Megillat Ruth associated with Shavuot

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

Names: Shavuot has five names. Three of these are in the Torah: *Chag Hakatzir*, the Festival of the Harvest; *Chag Shavuot*, the Festival of Weeks, as it begins at the conclusion of counting the seven weeks of the Omer; and *Yom HaBikurim*, the Day of the First Fruits, for from this day on, the people were able to bring their first-fruit's offering from the seven species of the Land of Israel.

In reference to the second name, one commentator has remarked that we should also call the holiday *Shevuos* (oaths) for by accepting the Torah two oaths were made: one, by the Almighty Who promised never to exchange His people Israel for any other; the second, by Israel, who pledged their allegiance to God and His Torah.

A fourth name, *Atzeres*, mentioned in the Mishnah and Talmud means restraint. Unlike other festivals, which in addition to having work restrictions have a special positive mitzvah (matzoh on Pesach, sukkah and lulav on Sukkot), Shavuot has only the restraining character and no special additional mitzvah is associated with it other than its own sacrifical obligations.

Others suggest that the word *Atzeres* means assembly and connotes the fact that all of Israel were assembled at Sinai.

In our liturgy we refer to Shavuot by a fifth name, *Zeman Matan Toroteinu*, the Time of the Giving of our Torah, probably the name with which we mostly associate the holiday.

Mitzvahs: In former times, Shavuot was characterized by three mitzvot: the prohibition of work; the sacrificial services and the offering of the *shtei halachem*, the two special breads; and the *aliya l'Regel*, the pilgrimage to the Temple. The two breads impressed upon us the understanding that our sustenance and existence was a constant blessing, for the annual regrowth of all produce was only at God's will, teaching us that all nature is really a miraculous Divinely supervised phenomenon.

One present-day custom is the "Torah learnathon" — staying awake all night to study Torah. Whether one recites the *Tikkun Layl Shavuot* or studies any other part of Torah, the purpose is simply to demonstrate our appreciation and love for the great gift of Torah. Also, the Zohar mentions that there were some who had to be awakened at Sinai. To rectify their oversleeping (although done with good intentions to absorb the Torah teachings), we remain awake the entire night.

Akdamus: This liturgical poem, composed in the 11th century by Rabbi Meir ben Isaac, reputedly the teacher of Rashi, is chanted before the Torah is read.

It extols the greatness of God, the Torah, and the people of Israel, and begins with the famous statement: "If all the heavens were parchment, all the trees of the forest carved into quills; if all the oceans and seas were ink, and every creature a scribe — all this would still not suffice to describe and express the greatness of the Creator."

Each line ends with the Hebrew letters *tav* and *alef*, to teach us that study of Torah never ends, and when we have mastered one level we begin at *alef* again of the next level.

Megillat Ruth: Among the reasons offered for reading this scroll are: we equate Ruth's conversion to Judaism with Israel's conversion, who before accepting the Torah, required the *bris* and the special immersion of purity; we allude to Ruth's self-sacrifice by her embracing Judaism, which teaches us that we must be willing to endure hardship in our steadfast observance of Torah; we address the fact that King David was born and died on Shavuot and in honor of this, we read the Book of Ruth which ends with an account of David's genealogy.

For this reason, many also recite the entire Book of Psalms on Shavuot. It teaches us that Torah study must be integrated with kindness, for the Book of Ruth is replete with acts of kindness.

Azharot: Particularly in Sephardi congregations it is customary to recite the "warnings" of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah. Various versions in poem and rhyme have been authored listing the 613 in different groupings and exhorting Israel to be mindful of their obligations in keeping the mitzvot.

Floral, plant and tree decorations: Various ways of decorating both the home and the synagogue with many types of flowers, greens, tree boughs, etc., are in evidence on Shavuot.

This custom reminds us to be joyous with the Torah; reminds us of the verdure of Mount Sinai; that we are judged on Shavuot for the success of the growth of our fruit-bearing trees; that the Torah is a tree of life to those who study and support it; and recalls the Midrash where the garden of thorns was spared because of the beautiful rose. So too, the world will be spared through the merit of Torah.

Eating milchigs: It is customary to eat dairy foods at one of the meals. (Some, nevertheless, wait the appropriate interval, rinse their mouths, and still partake of meat in honor of the Yom Tov.)

Among other reasons, this custom recalls the verse in Shir Hashirim (4:11) where the Torah is compared to milk and honey; recalls that humility is a prerequisite for understanding Torah; and reminds us that as soon as the Torah was given, proper ritual slaughter and kosher vessels were required before one could eat meat.

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Can still restrict cholesterol intake

Shavuot can be a low-fat delight

By LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN

Traditionally, Jewish homemakers prepare dairy dishes for Shavuot. Foods such as creamed soups, blintzes, and cheesecake are the special foods. If you are among the growing number of people choosing to restrict your intake of dietary fat and cholesterol, however, don't worry. You can celebrate Shavuot in a most traditional way, and still keep to a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet.

LOW FAT, NO CHOLESTEROL CREAM OF CAULIFLOWER SOUP

2 tbsp. canola oil
1 cup onions, coarsely chopped
½ cup rice
1 (2-pound) head of cauliflower, cored, and broken into flowerets
6 cups water or vegetable stock
Salt to taste
¼ teaspoon white pepper
2 cups non-fat milk
Finely chopped parsley, for garnish

Heat oil in a stock pot large enough to hold all the ingredients. Briefly saute the onions until tender. Then add the remaining ingredients, except the milk and parsely. Simmer, covered, until the rice and vegetables are tender, 20-30 minutes.

Puree the soup in the food processor or blender. Add the milk, taste, and adjust the seasonings.

To serve, return to the pot and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Or, chill and serve in iced bowls or cups. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serves 8.

Per serving: 129 cal.; 5.4 g. prot.; 19.4 g. carbo.; 4 g. fat (including .5 g. sat. fat); 1 mg. chol.

LOW-FAT, LOW-CHOLESTEROL CHEESE BLINTZ SOUFFLE

16 low-fat, low-cholesterol cheese blintzes
2 cups non-fat milk
1 8-ounce carton egg substitute
2 tbps. Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Paprika

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with vegetable spray.

Place the prepared blintzes in the dish. In a bowl, beat together the milk, egg substitute, 1 tbps. Parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper. Pour this mixture over the blintzes.

Sprinkle with the remaining 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese and paprika. Place pan in oven and bake until golden and bubbly, about 1 hour. Serves 8.

Per serving: 220 cal.; 21 g. prot.; 28.5 g. carbo.; 1.6 g. fat (including .9 g. sat. fat); 5.8 mg. chol.

LOW-FAT, LOW-CHOLESTEROL CHEESE BLINTZES

The Blintz Skins (crepe):
½ cup egg substitute
2 cups water
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt

In a medium bowl, beat the egg substitute. Add the water, flour, and salt. Mix well.

Over medium heat, heat a small skillet coated with a non-stick surface. Wipe it with a paper towel moistened by canola oil.

When the pan is hot, pour in a scant ¼ cup of the batter. Tilt the pan all around to cover the bottom with a thin layer of batter.

Cook on one side, until the edges start to brown and curl. Slip out of the pan, browned side up, onto a clean cotton tablecloth or towel. If you make any extra, make a pile of the skins with a layer of waxed paper between each one. This way, you can freeze them for another time.

Continue cooking until all the batter is used up. Makes 17-18 skins.

The Cheese Filling:
24 oz. no-fat cottage cheese
½ cup egg substitute
1 egg white
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the ingredients in a medium bowl. If the mixture doesn't seem smooth enough, mix it in the food processor or blender with a little non-fat milk, added a drop at a time, until it is smooth. Enough filling for 17-18 blintzes.

Fill each blintz skin with about 2 tablespoons of filling. (Do not overfill). Fold the skin over he filling, then fold in the sides, then fold the remaining flap over, to keep the filling inside the packet. Proceed with Souffle recipe. Makes 17 blintzes.

Per blintz: 89.4 cal.; 7.9 g. prot.; 12.5 g. carbo.; 5 g. fat (including .8 g. sat. fat); 1.7 mg. chol.

NO-FAT "CREAMY" SALAD DRESSING

2 cups non-fat yogurt (plain)
4 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. prepared mustard
1 teaspoon salt, optional

A few hours prior to using this dressing, line a colander with a double layer of cheesecloth. Place the non-fat yogurt in the prepared colander and let its juice drip out, into a bowl. After a few hours, remove the drained yogurt from the cheesecloth. Discard the water.

Combine the drained yogurt with the remaining ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to use. Serve over a tossed green salad. Makes 2 cups of dressing.

Per tablespoon: 9.2 cal.; .9 g. port.; 1.3 g. carbo.; .09 g. fat; .25 mg. chol.

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Turn into a glass pan. Let it set and cool. Once it is cool, cut into squares. Cover the surface with a thin film of water (to keep it moist) if you are not going to use it right away. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, place pudding squares in a small, deep bowl. Cover with syrup. Top with a scoop of non-fat frozen yogurt. Serves 8.

Per serving (without non-fat frozen yogurt): 180 cal.; 7.3 g. prot.; 38 g. carbo.; .38 g. fat (including .25 g. sat. fat); 3.5 mg. chol.

The Syrup:
3 cups non-fat milk
1 cup sugar
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Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Stir until sugar dissolves. Note: If you want to reduce the calories, substitute some or all of the sugar with substitute.

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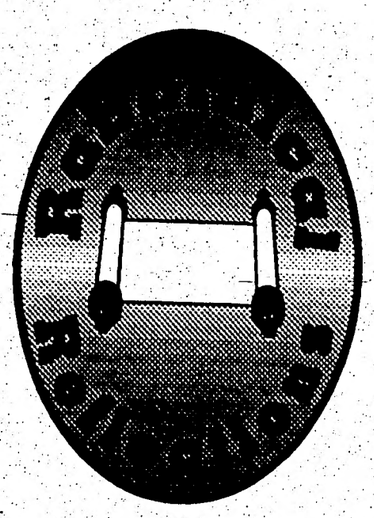

By
RABBI PHILIP S. SCHEIM

Although the better part of two decades has passed since my undergraduate university days, I remember well the times my propensity to procrastinate necessitated my staying up all night to study before an examination. Fighting off sleep in order to read another hundred pages was sufficiently unpleasant to motivate me, finally, to improve my study habits and not leave all my preparation to the last minute.

I remember the first *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, the first all night Shavuot Torah study session I attended, also about 20 years ago. I thought I would hate it. Studying instead of sleeping through the night had not proved previously to be one of my favorite activities. Yet to my great surprise, the *Tikkun* was wonderful. I loved it. Studying the *Rambam* at midnight, *Shulhan Aruch*, *Talmud* and *Megillat Ruth* in the early morning hours was exhilarating. Jewish learning had never meant as much to me before.

Even though the *Tikkun* of Shavuot eve goes back only some four centuries, to the Kabbalists, studying through the night has far more ancient roots. Indeed, King David, according to the Talmud, was awakened at midnight by a wind that caused his harp to play by itself. Immediately, David arose and studied Torah until dawn.

So often throughout our history Torah study would lead us through the darkness of night. My teacher, Rabbi David Weiss Halivni, as a young boy in Auschwitz, saw an SS auxiliary about to eat a sandwich wrapped in a page torn from the *Shulhan Aruch*. Managing to obtain the wrapping, he read it over and over and passed it around to fellow Jews. Eventually, the page would accompany its last reader to the crematorium, but not before giving strength and courage to several Jews during the darkest night of our history.

Seven weeks ago, at the Pesah seder, we read the Mishnaic teaching of Rabbi Elazar ben Azaria, discussing the need to make mention of the Exodus, in Shema, at night. Night represents the precarious side of human experience. Night can be terrifying. Night can be lonely. Thus, our tradition understands the need to compel Jews, at night, to remember, in intricate detail, the Exodus from Egypt, the redemptive power of God, the promise of freedom, the bright dawn of light that awaits us.

This winter, long nights again were part of the Jewish — the Israeli — experience. It was during the night, often the middle of the night, when the air-raid sirens warning of Scud missile attacks sounded. Families gathered together many nights during the war, in sealed rooms, wearing gas masks, waiting for word, comforting each other, reassuring each other. In their own way, many used the middle-of-night hours to speak of the Exodus, in this case, deliverance from the machinations of the Iraqi menace.

During the war, the strength of the Israeli character manifested itself in many ways. Images of courageous resolve abounded. Among the most unforgettable wartime images to emerge from the difficult winter, was that of yeshiva students, with masks, seated in sealed rooms, learning Torah together. The Talmud describes how King David turned to Torah study when aroused suddenly from his sleep. So too, this year, did these students, awakened in the dark of night by the air-raid siren, choose Torah study as their response to the never-ending challenge to Jewish survival.

At one point in my life, all-night study seemed totally undesirable. That first *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, that first full Shavuot night of Torah study, and every Shavuot since, have taught me to view sleepless nights of learning differently. They are a significant Jewish experience. They allow us to face the darkness with more faith and less fear.

"Meditate upon (the Torah) day and night . . . Only then will you prosper." (Joshua 1:8)

(Rabbi Philip S. Scheim is the spiritual leader of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue in Toronto.)

Ritual slaughter defended

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Conference of European Rabbis has won an important round with the council of Europe in its struggle to preserve the right to slaughter animals according to the laws of kashrut, and is now seeking a similar victory in the European Community.

Rabbi Avraham Guigui of Brussels reported on the struggle against attempts to ban or restrict ritual slaughter, or shechita, to close to 60 of his colleagues at the Conference of European Rabbis, which was held here to discuss issues of common interest. The gathering was held under the auspices of Religious Affairs Minister Avner Shaki.

Rabbi Guigui, who represents the rabbinical conference on issues of shechita in contacts with intergovernmental bodies, said the officials of the Council of Europe "decided to drop all proposed measures to ban or restrict shechita, after they heard our presentation."

He said that pressure groups for prevention of cruelty to animals had campaigned against ritual slaughter, as practised by Jews and Muslims. Their main claim in regard to Jewish practice is that any method of slaughter that does not include stunning the animal before it is killed — such as shechita — causes needless pain and should be banned.

The Council of Europe, which includes the 12 European Community states and others, such as Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries, can only recommend certain policies to its members, Rabbi Guigui said.

Much more serious, he said, are the regulations now being prepared by the European Community for 1992, which when passed, will be binding on its member countries.

"Our goal," Rabbi Guigui said, "is to have all European countries, and particularly the EC, recognize shechita as an acceptable method of slaughter.

"The declaration adopted by the Council of Europe said that ritual slaughter should be carried out only in licensed slaughter houses by authorized experts. As Jews, we have no problem with this, since this is the way shechita is practised," he explained.

"There has been a positive atmosphere in our talks with the EC, and I hope that the issues can be resolved in the next few weeks," Rabbi Guigui said.

Shechita was banned previously in Switzerland and Sweden.

Part of the anti-shechita atmosphere, Rabbi Guigui said, was generated by opposition to Muslim ritual slaughter, which can be performed anywhere, with any kind of knife, and by anyone, which often creates unsanitary conditions.

There has been no cooperation between Jews and Muslims, he said, in contacts with the Council of Europe or the European Community.

The Council of Europe had realized, he said, that shechita could not incorporate stunning into its procedures. Nevertheless, certain proposals were raised to restrict shechita.

"They wanted shechita to be limited to local consumption and not for export. They also wanted the shochet (slaughterer) to be under veterinary supervision, which of course is impossible for us," Rabbi Guigui said.

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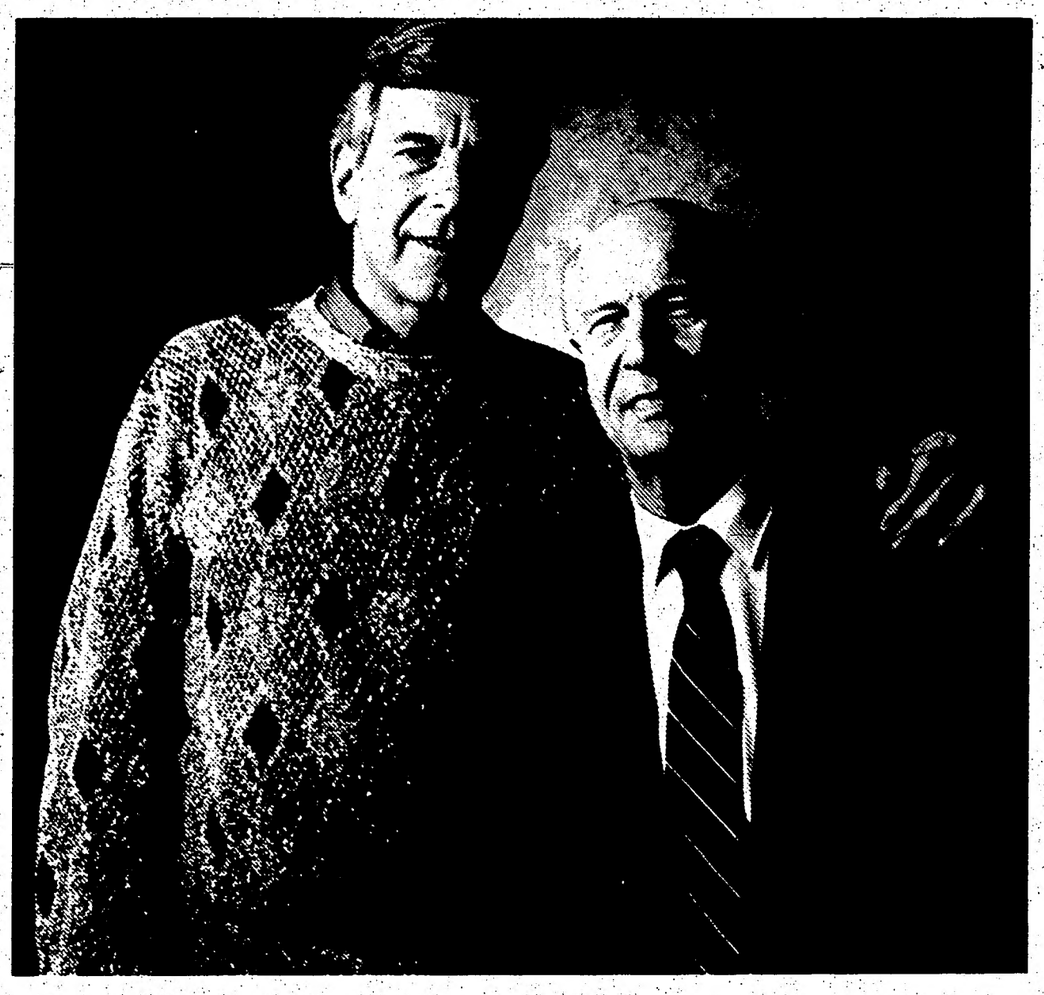

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Operation Exodus campaign launched in Halton region

OAKVILLE —

The Halton region Jewish community recently held its "kick off" campaign event in support of Operation Exodus. The evening, held at Shaarei Beth El Synagogue in Oakville, was also a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration for the community.

The program began with a presentation of *March of the Living*, the Canadian documentary film describing the dramatic journey taken by hundreds of Canadian teenagers to Poland and Israel in the spring of 1990, to mark two of the most significant dates in modern Jewish history — Holocaust Remembrance Day and Israel's Independence Day.

The film was preceded by the poetry reading and singing of Tara Charendoff and Megan Bochner of Toronto, and the violinist Rebecca Perlin of Burlington. All three of the teenagers participated in the March of the Living, where they performed a number of times for the thousands of teenagers from around the world who took part in this international event.

Following the film, keynote speaker Moshe Ronen, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, delivered an impassioned address on Prospects for Peace in the Middle East and conducted a lively discussion with members of the audience upon the conclusion of his address.

He said, "True peace in the Middle East will only occur when the Arab states approach the negotiating table and start talking *to* Israel, *not* at Israel . . . We hope that radical elements within the Arab community, like the PLO, have finally learned that they cannot bomb their way to the negotiating table."

The evening concluded with the singing of the Shaarei Beth El Choir, and with Barney Harris, UIA of Canada's National Field Director, presenting an award to Shaarei Beth El's Rabbi Edward Goldfarb for his many years of leadership of the UJA Campaign in Oakville.

Co-chairmen of the Halton campaign are Melanie Rosenblum and Helen Koven, both of whom are highly enthusiastic about the campaign.

"I am pleased that our community is assuming its share of the responsibility that all Jewish communities around the world must undertake, in order to help Israel with the settlement of the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who are streaming into Israel," Rosenblum said.

Koven, who is planning on making aliya to Israel in the next few years, said that "every Jew who is able to, must participate in this campaign."

Members of Halton's newly formed campaign cabinet are: Estelle and Harry Baum, Harvey Goldberg, Veronica Gross, Helen Koven, Sharon McLean, Barry Mendel, Tom McMahon, Barry Pasis, Melanie Rosenblum and Gideon Tankus.

Their goal, according to Goldberg, is "to ensure that every resident of the Halton region is informed of the massive exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel, and is given the opportunity to play a supportive role in this historic event by contributing, to the best of their ability, to Operation Exodus."

Schwartz goes to BIU Friends

TORONTO —

Prominent community leader Phil Schwartz was recently installed as national president of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University by the university's chancellor, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman. The ceremony was held in Toronto.

Schwartz is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School and has an MA in Philosophy from the University of Toronto. He is ardently interested in Jewish education, both in Israel and in Canada.

To the family members, friends, and distinguished guests present, Schwartz emphasized that now more than ever, a commitment must be made to the continued growth of Bar-Ilan's unique concept, the teaching of Judaism in tandem with secular education.

"Make no mistake," Schwartz said, "we can't hide from our Jewish destiny. We must embrace it and we must enhance it." Schwartz's response to this challenge is "more Torah, more learning, more mitzvahs, more tzedekah, more Bar-Ilan."

The audience was transported to Bar-Ilan University via the video presentation *For A Better Future*, during which Prof. Benjamin Sredni, dean of the faculty of natural sciences and head of the Marilyn Finkler cancer research centre, focused on the university's latest development in the field of scientific research and progress.

Phil and his wife Faygie are the parents of four children. Two now live in Israel with their families.

National president Phil Schwartz, (left) and Chancellor Rabbi Emanuel Rackman.

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Organizations and People

NAHON seeks help following successful clothing drive

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A clothing drive to gather apparel for Ethiopian immigrants in Israel has proven so successful that it is overwhelming the ability of a voluntary organization to keep up with it.

Last week's clothing drive, sponsored by the NAHON high school Jewish group, collected enough clothing, blankets and shoes to fill a 40-foot container to be sent to Israel, said Fern Kay, co-ordinator of Project Clothesline. The cost of shipping the material to Israel (there are enough clothes and linens in storage to fill another container) is taxing the organization's resources, she said.

Kay estimated the organization will soon have shipped about 2,000 boxes of clothing, filling six containers, to Israel. She said volunteer help and financial contributions are needed more than further donations of clothing.

Because of the success of the drive, no further solicitation of clothing is expected until the fall.

Once in Israel, the apparel is distributed by the United Organization of Ethiopian Jews to 55 communities with Ethiopian populations.

NAHON spokesman Uri Etigson, who organized last week's drive at the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch, said the drive attracted people of all age groups, who brought at least two garbage-bags full of used clothing.

About 50 teenaged volunteers from a variety of Jewish youth groups helped pack the clothing in the cartons that will be placed on board the containers, he added.

Paulus Asres, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Ethiopian Jewry, addressed the volunteers and donors during the day-long drive.

Project Clothesline, which is organizing the clothing drives in the Toronto area, is an ad hoc organization founded last fall by Harold Kay, Fern's father, Ellie Kornblum and Sadie Rose.

Jewish students from a variety of organizations helped pack and load boxes of clothing at a special clothing drive for Ethiopian olim. Seen here (from left) are Uri Etigson, clothing drive organizer, Omry Farajun, Sarah Zeldman, Batya Tobin, chairman of NAHON, and Nadine Tobin. [Paul Lungen photo]

Fern Kay said the project has proven so popular, communities in other cities are emulating it by launching their own clothing drives.

Temple Sinai to present achievement award

TORONTO —
On May 19, Temple Sinai will award its Life-Time Achievement Award to Murray Kaye.

Kaye came to Toronto in 1957 after marrying Freda, a Toronto resident.

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Kaye started with Brotherhood hospitality duties, but with a little encouragement started a hospital visitation program in 1970.

The program consists of providing musical programs at various hospitals, libraries and homes in and around Toronto for Jewish patients. For several years, Kaye served as president and Temple Sinai's representative to the Toronto Council of Brotherhoods. Until very recently, he was a member of the Temple Sinai Choir.

Kaye takes great pride for being able to provide community service. Members of the choir have assisted him in his musical programs.

In 1988, he was nominated to receive the Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Kaye was born on a farm in Connecticut and grew up in New York City. He attended the College of the City of New York, where he studied chemical engineering. This background gained him a position with the U.S. War Department.

He later served with the U.S. Army in Northern Luzon.

Kaye is a father and grandfather of two. In addition to receiving this honor, Kaye just celebrated his bar mitzvah on April 13 after several years of learning Hebrew with Temple Sinai's Shabot Academy.

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Jewish Dateline feeling the pinch as economy sours

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO –

Ah, spring, when a young man's (and woman's) fancy turns to thoughts of love, not to mention left-hand relief pitching.

But there's a recession on. Singles may be less inclined to blow a wad sitting in a bar or restaurant, waiting for Mr. or Ms. Right to come along. And they also may put off joining a reputable match-making agency because money is tight.

The latter is the conundrum in which Jewish Dateline finds itself in the current economic squeeze: too few customers at Toronto's premier introductory service for the city's estimated 30,000 Jewish singles.

"We're definitely feeling the pinch. We need more business," says Jewish Dateline director Debbie Cowitz, the community's unofficial *shadchan*.

Begun in 1984 by Toronto Jewish Congress and Jewish Family & Child Service, the non-profit Jewish Dateline has matched over 20,000 people. Those fix-ups have resulted in more than 40 marriages and counting, Cowitz notes with pride.

The service was started primarily to counter two modern trends among young Jews: loneliness and intermarriage, estimated in Ontario at between 25 and 38 per cent.

Cowitz finds herself trying to dispel the stigma of going to an introductory service. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with coming here. We are for professionals who are too busy or find it difficult to meet other Jewish people. There are no losers here."

The service boasts a client list of over 500 people, ranging in age from 21 to 78, and from as far as Buffalo, Peterborough, London and Montreal.

For a one-time fee, currently at $195 but to rise to $210 July 1, clients complete an extensive questionnaire, which gauges attitudes toward life and love, mates with children, smoking and even keeping kosher.

An interview with Cowitz follows and then all data are fed into a computer, which (almost always) comes up with a match. Mostly, though, it's Cowitz's finely-honed sixth sense that spots when there's chemistry between two people.

Located in the Bathurst-Lawrence area, Jewish Dateline's roster takes in never-marrieds, the divorced and widowed, as well as single parents, who get a discount.

Its latest project is organizing Sunday brunches, at which as many as 20 like-minded people meet and, it is hoped, hit it off.

"No one has to be alone," Cowitz says. "When God made Adam, He also made Eve."

Call Jewish Dateline at (416) 789-0110.

Jewish artists in exhibit

NEW YORK –

Painting a Place in America: Jewish Artists in New York, 1900-1945, A tribute to the Educational Alliance Art School traces the experiences of 50 prominent Jewish-American artists who played pivotal roles in the development of American art.

The exhibition, on view at The Jewish Museum at The New York Historical Society (170 Central Park W. at 77th Street) from May 16 through September 29, presents 145 paintings, sculptures, and graphic works by such artists as Peter Blume, Ilya Bolotowsky, Adolph Gottlieb, William Gropper, Chaim Gross, Louise Nevelson, Barnett Newman, Mark Rothko, Ben Shahn, Raphael Soyer, Abraham Walkowitz, and Max Weber.

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Organizations and People

Kehillat Shaarei Torah completes Torah scroll

TORONTO —

— Kehillat Shaarei Torah recently reached a milestone with the completion ceremony of a magnificent Torah scroll, donated by Sam Rotman.

The scroll, written in Jerusalem and decorated with sterling silver handles and hand-carved wood staves, was dedicated in a festive ceremony which began with an outdoor parade to the synagogue. The Torah was lead under a chupah to the cheers of scores of members and children up Bayview Avenue from York Mills Road, escorted by Rabbi Steven Cohen and Allan Cooper, the synagogue president, to its new home in the synagogue at the corner of Bayview and Fifeshire.

Members and friends filled the sanctuary to witness the completion of the last five lines of the Torah by scribe Rabbi Tzvi Fleisher. The 120-member families had sponsored the writing of letters and words in the Torah in fulfillment of the Biblical commandment that every Jew write a sefer Torah.

The ceremony was accompanied by the Toronto Jewish Male Choir, who, like the founders of the shul, hail from South Africa originally.

The synagogue, which is the only Orthodox congregation in Toronto not located on or near Bathurst Street, has begun to make its mark on the local Jewish community since the arrival of its new leader, Rabbi Cohen, this past year.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah has begun an innovative array of adult and youth education programs as well as religious and social outreach activities. The shul is now home to the only Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting in a Jewish location in the province.

"Because of our size, we are able to offer the programs and services of a large synagogue, but with the warmth of a 'shteibl,' " said Rabbi Cohen, a native of Hamilton and a graduate of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Thelogical Seminary. "Such a moving ceremony as this re-affirms that the Torah and traditional Judaism are at home wherever Jews make the commitment and show their dedication to our roots."

In giving tribute to the Torah's donor, synagogue president Cooper lauded Rotman.

"(His) generous donation to our shul is consistent with his unswerving commitment to Torah Judaism and Jewish education in this community and in Israel."

Rotman made the initial pledge of the Torah three years ago through his association with members of the congregation, at a time when they were just completing their new building.

"Rotman's donation provides the jewel in the crown for which the Gates of Torah — the Shaarei Torah — stand," said Cooper.

OPERATION EXODUS AWARDS

Students display their UIA Operation Exodus on Campus awards at a special ceremony at Congregation Habonim in Toronto. The awards were presented by Howard Weisband (top left) secretary general of the Jewish Agency and Shawn Kendel (bottom left) national chairman of Operation Exodus on Campus. Bottom row (from left) are Marci Silverburg, Lena Isayev, Romy Saibil and Uri Etigson (CHAT). Top row (from left) Marla Silverburg, Tannis Weinstein and Faith Folk. Other winners not pictured here are Robbie Diamond, Brian Tanner, Amir Nevo, Craig Goldstein and Pam Becker.

League for Human Rights backs change in police dress

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada supports the initiative of Ontario Solicitor General Mike Farnan to implement a change to the dress requirements of Ontario police forces in order to accommodate the needs of Canada's diverse society.

The plans suggested by Donald Obonsawin, a provincial solicitor-general's office spokesman, would allow for the integration of turbans and braids as part of the official dress for individuals from the Sikh and Native communities is supported wholeheartedly by the League.

The League has launched a national campaign through its regional offices and national membership base in order to support the concept of diversity and unity with pride in being Canadian. The campaign surfaced as a result of the backlash to a similar RCMP decision.

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Steindel, Heft were prominent on 'Peg scene

By
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WINNIPEG —
Winnipeg's Jewish community has lost two women who played prominent roles in the community.

As the first female appointed to the board of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue and a founder of the Winnipeg Beach Synagogue and day camp, Min Heft made history. Ann Steindel helped write it.

Steindel died on March 25 at the age of 80. The daughter of Jacob Wasserman, the first rabbi on the prairies west of Winnipeg, Steindel was born in Regina. She was orphaned at an early age and raised by older brothers and sisters (she was the youngest in the family) on the prairies.

In 1940, she married Dr. Lou Steindel. They eventually settled in Vancouver where she became active in Jewish social service and community work.

After her husband died in 1966, she accepted an offer from Abe Arnold, then Western regional director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, to come to Winnipeg as his assistant. In 1973, she became executive assistant to the executive vice-president of the newly formed Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, a position she held until she retired in 1982.

Steindel's legacy though is her historical work. Among the founders of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada in 1968, she remained active throughout the rest of her life. In 1986, she contributed a chapter on Manitoba and Saskatchewan to the book *Pathways to the Present: Canadian Jewry and Canadian Jewish Congress.*

She chaired the Jewish Historical Society publications committee which put out the books *Jewish Life and Times* in 1985 and 1988. She capped her career as historian in 1988 with *From the Past We Create The Future: The History of The Jewish Community of Winnipeg* in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Jewish Welfare Fund, the precursor of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

Heft was 86 when she died on April 16. Her contributions to the community both Jewish and general in her lifetime were immense. She was a life member of Hadassah-WIZO, ORT and the National Council of Jewish Women as well as being active in the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

She was responsible for establishing a Jewish chaplaincy program into Winnipeg hospitals. The synagogue she and her late husband, Samuel (he was a councillor and deputy mayor of Winnipeg Beach at the time) attended at the beach over 40 years ago, is still in use in the summers when many Winipeggers visit their cottages.

In the general community, Heft was the first Jewish president of the Winnipeg Council of Women (an umbrella organization for women's groups). She was on the board of Victorian Order of Nurses for 20 years and was active in the Citizenship Court of Manitoba. During her lifetime , she received many honors from the province, the City of Winnipeg and the Jewish community.

Both Heft and Steindel in their lives were shining examples of the Jewish spirit and sense of caring for and commitment to the community. They live on not only in the memories of their families and friends, but also in the concrete works they left behind.

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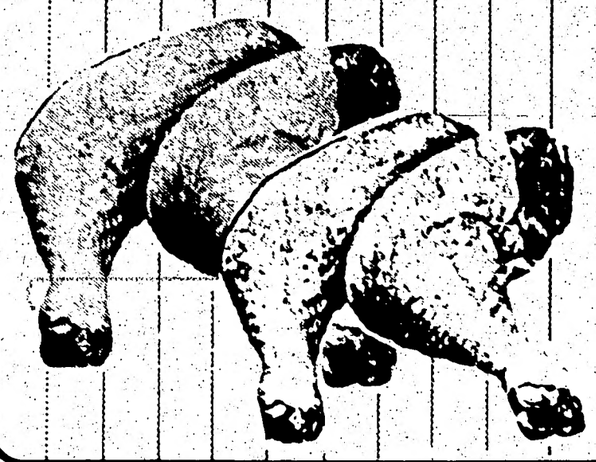

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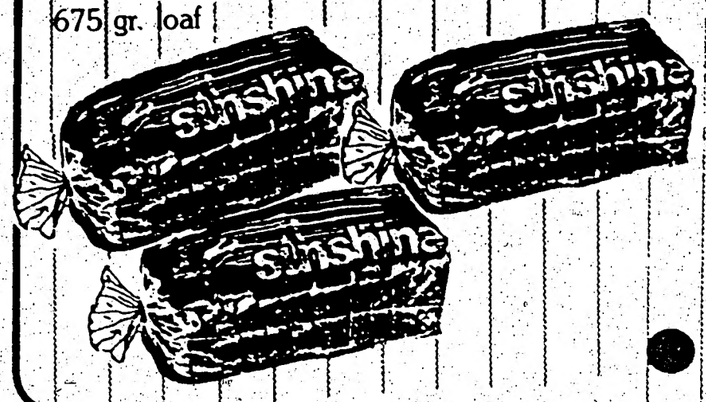

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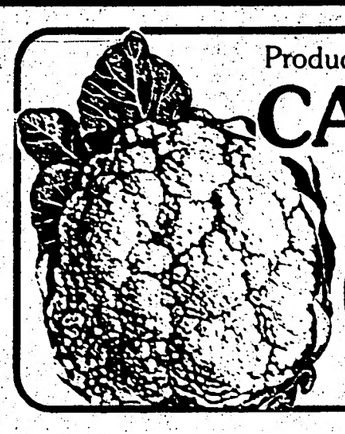

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 16, is the deadline for the May 30 issue, and Thursday, May 23, is deadline for the June 6 issue).

Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, May 16

ZANANA AKANDE TO SPEAK

Zanana Akande, minister of community and social services, will speak on Supporting Social Programs During a Recession on Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

The meeting is sponsored by the Nechama Lodge, Maple Leaf Lodge, Emil Gartner Centre, I.L. Peretz-Sholem Aleichem Lodge of the Toronto United Jewish People's Order.

Zanana Akande

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Nomi Berger, sometimes called the **Jacqueline Susann** of Canada for her best-selling romance novels, will be this month's speaker in the Jewish Book Committee's downtown Lunch and Learn series on Thursday, May 16. She will speak on Being a Woman, Jewish and a Novelist — Is That a Recipe for Success?

Nomi Berger

Her latest novel, **Dream to Keep**, being released this month in the United States and Canada, although in the romance style, includes a Holocaust dimension and will undoubtedly hit the best-seller lists, judging from pre-published interest.

The lecture takes place at 12:15 p.m. at Robins, Appleby and Taub, Continental Banking Building, 130 Adelaide St. W., Suite 2500, 25th floor boardroom.

Admission to the series is free and beverages will be served. For information call **Rachel Rosenberg** at Toronto Jewish Congress at 635-2883, ext. 151.

Saturday, May 18

LEARN-A-THON

It is customary for the first night of Shavuot to be spent in Torah learning. Saturday, May 18, Shavuot, will see the midnight oil being burnt in Ohr Somayach/JEP of Thornhill.

There will be a Women's Studies Program throughout the evening running concurrently with men's lectures. The women's program will feature three lectures, beginning at 1:30 a.m. until 4 a.m. at which time **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky** will speak to the entire assembled group.

Refreshments, tea and coffee will be served all night long, and for those brave enough to stay, there will be a light breakfast following the morning service.

For more information, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

ALL-NIGHT TORAH LEARNING

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., will once again conduct all-night Torah learning the first night of Shavuot, Saturday, May 18, beginning at midnight through 5 a.m.

The sessions will be conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** of Shaarei Tefillah, **Rabbi Nachum Berlatt**, chaplain of Baycrest Hospital and Jewish Home for the Aged, and **Rabbi Simcha Fishbane**, lecturer of Jewish studies, University of Toronto.

Refreshments will be served. Men and women are cordially invited. This will be followed by a Shavuot early morning service at 5 a.m.

Sunday, May 19

NEWMARKET'S NEW CONGREGATION

Or Hadash, a new congregation recently formed in Newmarket, is having a special Shavuot service and discussion on Sunday, May 19, at 9:45 a.m. at York Toy Library, followed by a kiddush luncheon. Babysitting is provided.

For more information, call **Lori** at 898-7506 or **Ava** at 853-5153.

ISRAELI PLAYWRIGHT IN TORONTO

Playwright **Goren Agmon** of Tel Aviv will be in Toronto May 17-20 to participate in the second International Women Playwrights Conference.

She will be reading her work to the public on Sunday, May 19, at 8 p.m. at Theatre Passe Muraille.

GAM-ANON

Gam-Anon, a self-help group offering support to families and friends of those who gamble compulsively, meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave.

For more information, call 366-7613.

SHAVUOT AT CUMMER LODGE

The Mitzvah Volunteers of Cummer Lodge, who are registered with Jewish Family & Child Service, have a big celebration planned for the residents of Cummer Lodge, a Metro home for the aged in Willowdale.

It will take place on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Vocalist **Eva Fishman** will entertain, accompanied by pianist **Faigele Gartner**. Refreshments served by the Mitzvah Volunteers will include blintzes.

Tuesday, May 21

30 DAYS TO HAPPINESS

At the Tuesday, May 21 meeting sponsored by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society-Toronto Chapter, **Liah Kraft-Kristaine**, international speaker, seminar leader, consultant, attorney and author, will be discussing 30 Days to Happiness — Setting Yourself Up to Win in Life.

The time is 7:30 p.m. at Toronto Board of Education Building, 6th floor, 155 College St. For registration, visiting and book browsing, doors open at 7 p.m. General admission is $8, members $6, seniors and students (with I.D.) $4.50.

For information, call 781-0359.

LIVING WITH CANCER MEETING

The Living with Cancer program gives patients and their families and friends emotional, social and practical support and guidance through group discussions facilitated by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month in an informal setting at the Canadian Cancer Society Willowdale Unit 4th floor offices at 6075 Yonge St. (north of Finch).

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21. For information, call 226-0646.

Wednesday, May 22

TEA-TIME SHIUR

The monthly tea-time shiur, sponsored by Ohr Somayach/JEP of Thornhill's Women's Studies Program, will take place on Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

This month's program will feature a display of Jewish art work by **Jocelyn Beigel**, who will share methods, motivations and inspiration of her pieces with the group. The shiur will revolve around these selected works.

The tea will be held in the Ohr Somayach Library, 613 Clark Ave. W., where refreshments will be served. To reserve, phone **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730. Babysitting is provided at no extra cost.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS committee has organized ongoing support groups for HIV positive Jewish men, Jewish women, and those who are close to them.

The next meeting for Jewish men will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at the 519 Church St. Community Centre. This group will continue to meet every other Wednesday.

For further information on all groups, call **Hyla** at 698-4931. All calls are confidential.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Mom's Morning Out is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 at Shaareh Haim Synagogue house, 9711 Bayview Ave. The May 22 meeting will focus on Safety for Your Children with a representative of the York Regional Police.

Babysitting is provided. RSVP to **Joni Richardson** at 764-9243 or **Jo-Anne Ross Freeman** at 886-2153.

Thursday, May 23

A COAT OF MANY COLORS

A Coat of Many Colors: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada will be making its fourth stop on its international tour at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum, May 31-Aug. 5. This exhibition is a joint presentation of the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth and the Canadian Museum of Civilization and is sponored by Seagram.

On Thursday, May 23, a special evening for members of the Royal Terrace Club and the Royal Corporate Circle and special guests is being hosted by **Thoman Kierans**, chairman, board of trustees, Royal Ontario Museum; **Andrea Bronfman**, national co-chairman, Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, and **Edwin Goodman**, chairman, ROM Development.

HOCKEY HELP

Hockey and generosity combined to raise $30,000 for Baycrest Centre recently, when about 150 participants joined in a fund-raising event organized by Baycrest's Young Leaders group. Participants in the second annual Shain of Canada Hockey Draft sponsored "teams" made up of National Hockey League players whose actual performance is monitored during the current NHL playoffs. Prizes are awarded to the "teams" whose players accumulate the most points during the playoffs. The $30,000 will go to support intergenerational programs at the centre. Pictured (from left) are fund-raiser organizers Young Leaders Tom Ehrlich, president, and committee members Fred Rubinoff and Jeff Dennis.

GOLF DAY

Ronnie Faust (left) and Marvin Wenger are co-chairmen of the committee organizing the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society's Golf Tournament taking place Wednesday, May 29, at Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club. It is anticipated that there will be 100 participants. The event will culminate in a dinner for all participants and their spouses. Proceeds will go to the society's 1991 campaign for integration of Soviet Jews in Israel through the Technion.

The evening starts off with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by remarks at 6:45 and viewing of the exhibition.

And What Else Is New...

RETREAT WEEKEND

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's 10th annual weekend retreat is set for June 14-16 at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre in Parry Sound, Ont. The guest speaker is **Rabbi Morton Green**, Adas Israel Congregation, Hamilton.

The package includes kosher meals, accommodation, sauna, boating, swimming, Shabbos atmosphere and eruv, plus free babysitting service and early bird rates (extended).

The total cost is $415 per couple, $100 children six and up, free for children up to five years of age. Time is short, so call the shul office at 789-3213 or **Sam Rosen** at 787-4880 (evenings and Sundays).

A DAY IN THE WARSAW GHETTO

One of the most moving exhibits at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, is *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto*. It consists of photographs taken in the Warsaw Ghetto on Sept. 19, 1941, by a German soldier.

On tour under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the exhibition will be seen in Toronto (its only Canadian showing) in the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, Hart House, University of Toronto, between May 16 and June 13. The exhibition is open to everyone, free of charge.

GALA CULTURAL EVENT

The Ne'imot Singers and the Jerusalem Dancers invite the community to a performance showcasing the multifaceted culture of Jews and Israel on Sunday, May 26, at 8 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave.

The show performed by these two dynamic groups at the Jerusalem Pavilion-Caravan '90 won first prize for variety, a first win for the pavilion.

Tickets to the May 26 show are $10 and are available at Israel's Judaica Centre, Matana Judaica, and at the door. For information, call 782-7006.

CO-OP SUMMER CAMP

The co-op summer camp at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard) has spaces available for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for ages 2½-4, and for the Monday and Wednesday mornings Parent and Tots program for ages 15 months to 2½ years.

Also, pre-register now for the fall five-morning a week nursery school and two mornings a week Parents and Tots.

For information, contact **Margie** at 398-3678 or **Rachel** at 731-7216.

These programs are held under the auspices of North York parks and recreation department.

HABONIM'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 250 people attended Congregation Habonim's Friday night service on April 26 when the congregation celebrated its 35th anniversary. Spiritual leader **Eli Rubenstein** and **Cantor Albert Feldman** conducted the service which was enhanced by the Habonim Youth Choir.

Not only was it an evening of festivities, but following the welcome by president **Gangolf Herman**, the program included talks on Memories of the Past, Present Achievements, and

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Future Plans, plus the presentation of awards to the living founding members and all past presidents.

In addition, one of the evening's highlights came when **Cantor Esther Ghan-Firestone** sang songs from the cassette tape of her new album of Yiddish songs entitled *Echoes of the Past.*

Festivities concluded with a get-together and very special refreshments.

SOKOLIFKA REUNION

A reunion weekend is being planned by descendents of immigrants who came to Buffalo, N.Y., from Sokolifka/Ustingrad, Ukraine. A dinner dance will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17, followed by a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 18.

The committee would like to establish contact with all descendents. Interested persons are asked to contact **Ferne Mittleman**, 52 Sundown Trail, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221. The phone number is (716) 689-9670.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups — Parenting for the '90s; Mid-Life Separation and Divorce; Taking Care of Aging Parents; and Losing a Parent as an Adult.

Call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800 for registration information.

CANCER COUNSELLING CENTRE

The Cancer Counselling Centre is sponsoring The Cancer Fighter Training Workshop, a two-day course designed for professionals and lay people who work and/or live with people who have cancer, on June 2 and 3. Workshop leaders are **Cole Cohen** and **Tucher Feller**.

For further information, call 778-4567.

'50s-'60s SOCK HOP

For an evening of great fun, music, refreshments and prizes, be sure to attend Karmiel Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT's '50s-'60s Sock Hop on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

The charge is $18 per person. Call 787-0297 for information.

ELMER ISELER SINGERS

Holy Blossom Temple presents the internationally acclaimed Elmer Iseler Singers in concert on Wednesday, May 29, at 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Under the direction of conductor **Elmer Iseler**, the choir will present a varied and colorful program ranging from the works of Schubert and Halevy to Copland and Weinzweig.

Elmer Iseler

Highlighting the concert will be **Srul Irving Glick's** five-part Canticles of Peace, and the world premiere of work by **Efrim S. Adler**, the distinguished Soviet composer who has recently made his home in Toronto.

Vocal soloists are soprano **Rene Bouthot**, tenor **Benjamin Maissner** and baritone **Nelson Lohnes**, with piano accompaniment by **Lydia Adams**. The Holy Blossom Temple Singers will join the Elmer Iseler Singers in the Schubert, Halevy and Adler works.

General admission is $12, seniors and students $8. Advance tickets are available at the temple and will be sold at the door on the night of the concert. For further details, phone 789-3291.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you enjoy pottery, sewing or painting? If the answer is yes, then Baycrest Centre wants to talk to you. Please call the volunteer department at 785-2850 for more information on how to volunteer.

The Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf is running a number of recreation programs in the afternoon for seniors who are frail or deaf and blind. You would work on a one-to-one basis within a group. There is also an evening program for residents. Volunteers should be active and energetic. Contact the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

A RARE DAY IN JUNE

A Rare Day in June, a new play by **Carol Libman**, directed by **Jordan Merkur**, had its first preview May 15 at the Alumnae Theatre and continues through May 26.

Libman is a member of the theatre committee of Toronto Jewish Congress. Her play, *Wintersong*, which dealt with the lives of survivors in Montreal in the '70s, was presented by Medina Theatre Ensemble last April.

Sid Libman is co-producer of the production and **Janese Kane** is assistant to the director.

Performances are at 8 every evening except Monday, with a matinee on Sunday at 2:30. For tickets and information, call 661-3749.

WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

The Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association promotes physical fitness for spinal injured persons by providing opportunities to participate in amateur wheelchair sports. It also sends Canadian wheelchair teams to participate in national and international competitions and provides facilities, funds, guidance and other activities.

A 10-km wheelchair road race is being held on Sunday, June 2, at 9 a.m. at Variety Village in Scarborough. Athletes from across Canada will be competing against wheelchair racers from Europe and the U.S.

You and your company can assist by sponsoring these athletes. Call the association at 440-0255.

GARDEN WALKS

Welcome spring by exploring three of Metropolitan Toronto's finest garden parks — James Gardens (Sunday, May 19), Edwards Gardens (Sunday, May 26) and Rosetta McClain Gardens (Sunday, June 2). Join **Frank Kershaw**, director of planning and research for the parks and property department, on these guided tours.

Each garden walk begins at 2 p.m. and will be about 60-90 minutes long. Be sure to dress for the weather conditions.

For more information, call the department at 392-88186.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program for ages 5-12 is now taking place. The two-week sessions begin July 2. Program includes tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for more information.

The JCC Bloor Y needs you! Volunteers are needed to fill interesting, challenging positions. Call **Barbara** at 631-5665. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

Registration is now being accepted for the summer camp at the Bloor Y. Call **Florence** at 924-6211.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre senior adult Services Learning Experiences program has arranged a guided tour of the photography exhibit at the Koffler Gallery entitled *Children of the Twentieth Century*. The date is Tuesday, May 21, at 1 p.m. There is no charge for members, 50 cents charge for non-members. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

There are still some seats left for the **LZA Seniors Club** trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills leaving July 21 or on the second bus leaving July 23. Those interested should call 638-0172 or 630-9444...Ongoing activities include the Dance Group under the direction of **Millie Cass** on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; shuffleboard on Tuesday evenings; the Discussion Group on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and daily activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., all at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Club Chaverim meets for bingo and cards on Mondays from 12:30-4 p.m. at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., a jazz choir, The Overtones, will be performing on Tuesday, May 21, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Earl Bales Senior's Club has interesting programs coming up: Buffalo shopping tour including dinner at the Buffalo Jewish Community Centre on Tuesday, May 28; Bus run to Kitchener on Wednesday, June 19 ($16); Father's Day dinner and dance for members only on Sunday, June 23 ($15); and a Catskills trip to the Pines Hotel July 7-14 ($775 Canadian for eight days, seven nights, and $575 for six days, five nights)...Ongoing activities continue including a dance on Saturday, May 18, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members free, non-members $1). For information on all trips and programs, call 636-7856, Monday-Thursday.

Beth Sholom Seniors meets every other Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The programs include entertainment and refreshments. The next meeting is

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PREPARING THE MENU

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary committee members attend lavish menu tasting in preparation for the Auxiliary's upcoming 37th annual Gala Ball to be held at the Sheraton Centre Ballroom, Tuesday, May 28. Tickets are $500 per person with all proceeds going to the Auxiliary's $5 million pledge to establish the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Diagnostic Imaging Centre. From left are Renee Aceto, Gala co-chairman; Queenie Nayman, president, MSH Auxiliary; chef Richard Seto, Sheraton Centre; Dolly Kerzner, Shanea Rakowski, menu convenors; Jacquie Kolber, Gala co-chairman; Julia Paisley, publicity convenor; Fran Binder, vice-president, MSH Auxiliary, and Ricki Shields, menu convenor.

SHUL ADMINISTRATORS

The National Association of Synagogue Administrators recently held the annual convention in San Diego, Calif. Conservative synagogue administrators throughout Canada and the U.S. convened for a week of informal learning seminars and networking with fellow administrators. In attendance from Toronto were (top from left) Shirley Vernon, Stuart Razin, Nat Abramowitz, and (bottom from left) Sheri Kelner, Bernice Levine and Ruth Podeswa.

STUDY DAY

The Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism, comprising 15 Sisterhoods, met recently for a very successful Study Day at Shaareh Haim Synagogue, Richmond Hill. Pictured (from left) are speakers Ruth Kelman, Jewish Family Living chairman, and Rabbi Steven Saltzman, with Marlene White, education chairman who introduced the speakers, and Jean Bernholtz, Ontario Branch president. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

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set for May 22. For information, call **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding an orientation meeting for the the trip to Israel on Monday, May 27, at 1 p.m. The trip is scheduled for Nov. 13-Dec. 4...A super trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills is arranged for July 10-18...Ongoing activities continue. For information on trips and activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The May 22 meeting will feature the movie *Yentl* with **Barbra Streisand**. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Sunshine Seniors, 55-70, invites you to join in its fun-day-away tours — a blossom tour to Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake with buffet lunch at the Beacon Motor Inn on Thursday, May 16 ($28), and to Stage West on Wednesday, June 12, to see a hilarious comedy with lots of Jewish humor plus buffet lunch ($39)...Also, note that a social gathering is arranged for Monday afternoons at 1 with many activities. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

On Tuesday, June 25, the **Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group** is going to the Royal Ontario Musem to see the exhibit, *A Coat of Many Colors*. This is a free admission day for seniors. The cost of $6.50 includes earphone description of the exhibit and tea in the Members' Lounge. Space must be reserved early. Call **Tera** at 789-3291.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a two-week tour to Israel June 3-17 ($1,995 Canadian) and a trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Aug. 4-13 ($890 Canadian). For information, call **Manny** at 633-7463 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Ontario Science Centre and Cinematheque Ontario present classic films Wednesday afternoons at noon (for seniors only) and at 2:30 for general audiences. On May 22 the movie is *Blonde Venus (1932)* with **Marlene Dietrich, Cary Grant** and **Herbert Marshall**. Films are free with admission to the centre. For more information, call 429-0193.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A reminder that the health lecture on Healthy Vision, offered by La'Briyut Wellness Centre, takes place Thursday, May 16, at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker **Dr. Lois Calder** of the Vision Institute of Canada will discuss how you can maintain healthy eyes and see the world!

The vision screening clinic is being held on Tuesday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no charge but be sure to make an appointment by calling 225-2112.

Do you speak Hebrew? Join the Israeli cultural club Etrog on Tuesday evenings at 7. Programs include movies, lectures, nostalgic singing and dances. The club and meetings deal with topics of special interest to Israelis and are conducted in Hebrew. For further information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

About People

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Max and Sadie Rubin's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated at a surprise champagne brunch given by their two daughters and sons-in-law **Gail and Lou Kesten** and **Brenda and Fred Stoppel** on May 12 at the Skyline Airport Hotel.

Both born in Toronto, they were among the founding members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue where Max attends morning services almost every day and Sadie actively assisted in Sisterhood fund raising. They are also members of the Aguda Mishpocha, one of the largest cousins' clubs in Canada (Sadie is a past president of the Ladies' Auxiliary). Added to that is their involvement as life members of the Dysautonomia Foundation.

Max, known to most of his friends as "Red", recently retired from his business of 21 years, Big Reds Sports and Surplus in Newmarket. His favorite hobby is golf which he likes to play on a daily basis.

The Rubins have six grandchildren — **Michael, Shawn** and **Elana Kesten** and **Laurie, Natalie** and **Daniel Stoppel.**

Max and Sadie Rubin

U OF T BUSINESS ALUMNI AWARD

Joseph Rotman is one of three 1991 recipients of the University of Toronto's Distinguished Business Alumni (DBA) Award. To be selected for the DBA Award, a U of T graduate must have become a major influence in his or her field of business and have made a major contribution to the community.

Rotman, chairman, president and shareholder of the Roy-L Group, a family firm he has managed and developed since 1963, graduated with a master of commerce degree from the U of T in 1960. He pursued PhD studies at Columbia University and returned to U of T to teach for two years before shifting his talents to the business world.

In addition to being a benefactor of the Centre for Entrepeneurship in the faculty of management, he funds two annual fellowships through Junior Achievement. He is a director of many community and charitable organizations including Baycrest Centre where the Rotman Research Institute was recently dedicated. At the international level, he is on the National Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and has co-chaired the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum.

WEIZMANN LECTURE

The second in a three-part scientific lecture series sponsored by Weizmann Women for Science was held recently at the home of Miriam Kerzner, seen above with Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum (left) and Dr. Howard Tenenbaum. The topic for the evening was Osteoporosis: A Biological Approach and Clinical Management.

MAZIN CHAIRS GLOBAL ED-MED

Monty Mazin has been re-elected for a fifth term as chairman of the board of directors of Global Ed-Med Supplies (GEMS), an international charity founded by **Doreen Wicks** to promote primary health programs for thousands of men, women and children in the developing world.

Mazin is an accredited member of the Canadian Public Relations Society (Toronto) and the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (Toronto) and a member of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Services.

He is also an active member of Upper Canada Lodge B'nai Brith and the Toronto Don Valley Rotary Club.

Brenner set for Mount Sinai ball

TORONTO —

The 37th annual Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Gala Ball will be held on May 28 at the Sheraton Centre Ballroom.

Entertainment for this year's black-tie affair will feature David Brenner, best-known for his guest host appearances on *The Tonight Show* as well as host of his own show *Nightlife*. Guests will also enjoy cocktails, a gourmet dinner and dancing.

The hospital's Auxiliary considers it a special challenge to retain its sell-out tradition of 1,000 guests in light of the current recession.

Tickets are $500 per person, with all proceeds going to the Auxiliary's $5 million pledge to establish the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Diagnostic Imaging Centre. Formerly known as Radiology, Diagnostic Imaging refers to traditional x-ray procedures as well as CT scanning, ultrasound and nuclear imaging.

As a major downtown teaching hospital with 550 beds and 500,000 outpatient visits annually, Mount Sinai relies extensively on the current Diagnostic Imaging Department, which cannot adequately meet current patient needs. Fulfilment of the Auxiliary's pledge will enable expansion of this department, along with the acquisition of additional diagnostic imaging technology so vital to quality health care.

The 1991 gala is co-chaired by Auxiliary members Jacquie Kolber and Renee Aceto. For ticket information, please call 586-8290.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Victoria Day Weekend Party at **Berlin** 2335 Yonge Street (North of Eglinton). **Sunday May 19th, 8:00pm**. Door prize- A bottle of Dom Perignon. Featuring music of the 60's, 70's and 90's. **Our first party here since Christmas Eve**. Cover $11.00. For information **222-7111**. 4880

Beth Tikvah Singles Dance. May 26th. 8:00pm. 3080 Bayview Avenue. Dress casual (Jeans). 50's and 60's D.J. Cost $10.00. Call 882-9057 for more information.
Coming Events: Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) are going to Artpark on Sunday, August 18th, to see "Man of La Mancha". Tickets and bus transportation. $50.00. For reservations call 882-9057. 10 pin bowling. Sunday, May 19, 1991. Newtonbrook Bowlerama. 4:30. 4928

For the first time in Toronto, Yuppies International presents **Party on the Lake** aboard Captain Matthew Flinders, luxury cruiseliner. Location: Between Bathurst and Spadina, on the Queen's Quay West. Date: May 26th, 1991. Boarding 8:00pm. Departure 8:30pm sharp. Cost $10 in advance. $12 at the door. For ticket information call 764-2924. 4916

For the first time ever, Toronto's Orthodox Mature Adults (50 +)presents a **Dinner and Lecture** with Rabbi Moshe Stern at Chopstix Restaurant (cor), 3426 Bathurst Street. Monday, May 27th, 6:30pm. Fee $25. For more information contact Sharon Ganz 787-0345, Barbara Horton 886-8180, Linda Wein 787-8133. 4799

FAMILY HONORS

It's all in the family! Brother and sister Eitz Chaim students Yehuda and Elisheva Zolty won second place in the Grade 7 and 8 category and third in the Grade 5 and 6 category respectively in the National Bible Contest.

'Peg's Koffman recognized for mining contributions

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Albert Koffman was recently inducted posthumously into the three-year-old Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Koffman was recognized for his lifelong contributions to the development of the mining industry in Manitoba. His widow, Ida, and daughters Janice Levine of Winnipeg and Anita Stuart of Vancouver were in Toronto for the ceremony and to receive the award.

Koffman was born into a Jewish farming family in the Stoney Mountain area just north of Winnipeg. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1931 with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology, tried teaching but found it not to his liking. He then joined the Hudson's Bay Mining & Smelting (HBMS) Co. in Flin Flon as a sampler in the company mines.

Over the next 30 years, he progressed to surface mapping, field geologist, chief underground geologist and chief geologist. His work led to the opening of 13 new mines for the company in the 1950s and 1960s and he pioneered a form of mine development called saturation prospecting which is now used worldwide.

"It was tough being out there in the bush a lot," says Ida Koffman. "It was a challenge. But Flin Flon was a good place to live. There was a small Jewish community. Our daughters got a good education in the local public schools."

Koffman left HBMS in 1964 and moved with his family to Winnipeg to strike out on his own as a consulting engineer. He became part-time manager of a division of Noranda Mines for a time. In 1971, the Government of Manitoba appointed him president of Manitoba Mineral Resources, a provincial crown corporation. He passed away in 1983.

Ida Koffman

Koffman always advocated and used modern up-to-date scientific geophysical methods and was long active in training young geologists, his wife reports.

He was among eight inductees this year into the Mining Hall of Fame, which has no permanent home as yet. Its portability, however, allows it to be moved easily around the country.

Himel honored at testimonial dinner

Labor Zionists mark mortgage burning at Borochov

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

By today's standards, a $125,000 mortgage at six per cent is no big deal, but at its ceremonial mortgage burning recently at the Borochov Centre, 204 supporters cheered the event with glee.

"We're free of debt," said Benjamin Himel, who was honored at the testimonial dinner for his assistance to the Labor Zionist movement, to Jewish education and to other causes.

Himel, 76, recalled that they were able to make a profit of $150,000 on the sale of their former property on Lippincott Street and keep down the cost of constructing the new Borochov Centre in 1962 to $200,000.

Helping to celebrate the occasion were Himel's wife, Anne, three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The face page of the mortgage was turned over to Himel for burning by Centre founders David Goldsilver and Moishe Pizel.

Julius Sokoloff, chairman of the Labor Zionist Movement, described Himel as a "hard-nosed bargainer" who could be easily moved to tears at the plight of fellow Jews. "He is not one for making speeches, he is a doer. In Yiddish we would say, *'Gesacht and getun.'*"

Josef Krystal, chairman of the Borochov board, said the centre caters to hundreds of seniors, has a large school and nursery, and has just affiliated with a new congregation, Kol Yisroel.

J. B. Salsberg said he knew Himel longer than anyone in the banquet hall because his family and the Himel family lived in the same room of a house (with a partition) where Himel was born.

"His mother was an extremely wonderful woman, only matched by my mother," he said. "Ben and I have been friends from childhood. I'm very proud of him and moved by his acts of generosity to Jewish and Yiddish culture. I don't care whether he has more or less of earthly goods than me."

Tributes to Himel were paid as well by Israel Appel, Borochov Council president; Harry Weinstock, chairman of the Labor Zionist Alliance city committee; and Beverley Sobel, president of Na'amat, Toronto.

Mortgage burning and testimonial dinner at Borochov Centre. From left are honoree Benjamin Himel, David Goldsilver, founding father, Josef Krystal, dinner chairman Moishe Pizel, founding father.

Correction

TORONTO —

The 36th anniversary concert of the Toronto Yiddish Culture Council will be held Wednesday, May 29, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at 8 p.m. There will be no guest speaker. The CJN story on this event in the May 9 edition had incorrect information

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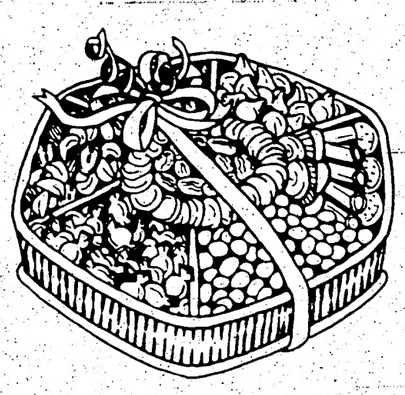

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Organizations and People

Massive influx of Soviet Jews to aid Negev: BGU president

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Ben-Gurion University's new president sees the massive influx of Soviet Jews to Israel as a new opportunity for the Negev Desert that Israel can not afford to let slip by.

Avishay Braverman, in Montreal recently to attend a tribute fund-raising dinner for the Beersheba-based university, said if things go according to plan, BGU will play a crucial role in educating, training and facilitating the absorption of many of the 250,000 Soviet Jews expected to settle in the Negev over the next five years.

The math is simple, explained Braverman, who at age 43 took over from longtime BGU president Chaim Elata after serving as a director of the World Bank's agricultural division.

"The Negev is 60 per cent of the area of Israel, but only seven per cent of the population lives there.

"I cannot see a better place to be."

And BGU, at only 21 years old Israel's youngest university, has the Israeli government's mandate to vastly increase the number of its Soviet Jewish students — perhaps doubling its own student population to 12,000 — and to provide much of the expertise as the new Negev residents try to settle in.

So BGU has the government's support, but what about its money?

Braverman spoke diplomatically, but he in essence acknowledged that the government will indeed have to put its money where its mouth is to keep the momentum going. Braverman intends to create an institute at BGU that will help put programs into place for Soviet Jews and it's "now or never," he believes.

He makes a straightforward case that even though the Negev is, after all, desert, natural resources are the least of the concerns. He said the real issues are the restructuring of the economy, proper systemization, and moral commitment to the project.

Braverman said Beersheba is also a logical place to settle the new population since geographically it is the dead centre of Israel and should take on a much larger percentage of the population.

But success, Braverman stressed, will boil down to bread and butter issues like jobs, raising capital and demonstrating the will to complete the task. Ideally the 1990s would become the "decade of the Negev," he said.

Success also hinges on Israel "accelerating the breakdown of its bureaucracy" and commiting itself to regional development. Even the prospects for peace play a pivotal part in the potential, he believes.

Braverman's agenda is full as he launches into his presidency. He (and therefore BGU) is committed to the "moral necessity" of bridging the widening gap between the "first" and "third" worlds and the university, through its vast expertise in bringing water and agricultural technology to these countries BGU is the place through which this can be carried out, he said.

One ambitious plan is to start a one-year program for Soviet Jews to give them the basics in technology and Hebrew.

Water, whose management has virtually been BGU's raison d'etre, has become even more of a priority, if that's possible. Even though Israelis are complaining about not being able to water their gardens, the Jewish state is trying to figure out new ways to conserve its own supply under almost emergency conditions.

Braverman said BGU, of course, will now be directing its efforts as never before on water research and development to avoid an economic and political calamity, not only in Israel, but in other nations where droughts threaten people's very existence.

This means relying on new bio-technology and relying more and more on sea-water and recycled waste-water to feed the soil. Already BGU has developed ways to grow tomatoes using salt water.

At the dinner Braverman attended, a small step in that overall direction was made through a $1-million Desert Hydrology fund set up at BGU's Desert Research Institute in the name of the honoree, business leader Lorne Webster.

GERMAN VISIT

Germany's newly appointed ambassador to Canada, Dr. Richard Ellerkmann (second from left) met with Jewish community leaders recently at the Lipa Green Building during a visit to Toronto. The ambassador was taken on a tour of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre by founding chairman Gerda Steinitz Frieberg where he viewed the documentary Out of the Depth. Seen here with the ambassador are (from left) Jack Chisvin, vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress, Frieberg and Dr. Hennig von Hassell, consul general of Germany.

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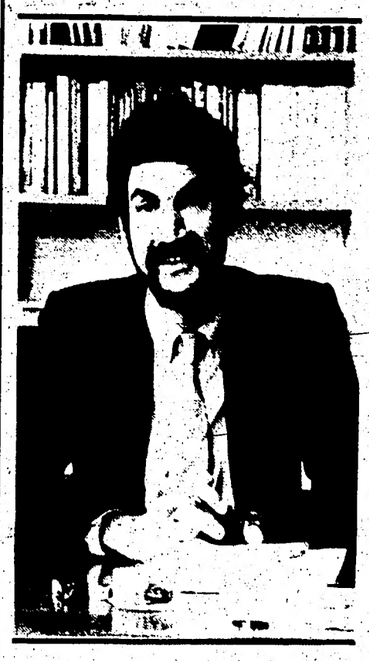

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JWF program looks at children

Raising a mensch seen as challenge

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Mensch: An honorable, upright, decent person.

That's the dictionary definition. But most people would agree that like so many other Yiddish words, the English translation of mensch doesn't quite convey the word's special sense of dignity and respect.

While translating mensch may be difficult enough, raising one today is even more so, a panel of experts agreed here recently.

The Challenge of Raising a Mensch, a program aimed at parents and grandparents, brought together United Way president Anne Golden, psychiatrist Saul Levine and school counsellor Marion Rom to discuss how to bring up decent, responsible, caring — and Jewish — children.

Put together by the Jewish Women's Federation's social and political action committee, the evening must have struck a chord, as part of the overflow crowd at the Lipa Green building was forced to watch the discussion via closed circuit television in an adjacent room.

Golden cited a recent poll that found kids today are tamer and more conservative than many believe.

The poll found that 72 per cent of teenagers felt they will end up married and with children; 85 per cent said relations with their parents are good and 53 per cent accept older role models. Only 21 per cent said their parents embarrass them.

From left school counseller Marion Rom, psychiatrist Saul Levine and United Way president Anne Golden join program moderator Carol Seidman, assistant dean of the University of Toronto's faculty of social work. [Graphic Artists photo]

"These values reflect *menschlichkeit* but they also reveal a docile, conservative group of me-firsters," Golden cautioned.

As well, ever-increasing levels of violence and poverty among teens threaten the social fabric, she warned.

Shifting demographics, single parents and two working parents mean fewer than 15 per cent of Metro families fit the tradition model of working father and stay-at-home mother, she added.

Television has also eroded traditional values, she said. It glorifies violence and materialism, chips away at literacy and leads young people to accept mediocrity.

Golden said children are not being taught to cope with today's complex society.

Jewish parents, she said, cannot garrison their children against secularism and materialism but they can prevent these forces from affecting them excessively. Kids' values have to be developed at home and in the community, to which young people should be taught they owe a responsibility, she advised.

"Raising children to be menschen is to act in a menschlich manner."

Levine, the chief of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, agreed that the rapidity of change in society has led people to regard today's generation as "the worst ever."

But he said teens today are "not narcissistic and are closer to their parents than we think."

Levine, who co-authors a youth column in the Toronto Star, said most of the letters he gets are from teens worried about relationships, whether with peers, lovers or parents.

A secular, humanist environment "offers not much at all. We have to provide ideological outlets so our children learn a sense of responsibility and spirituality."

A mensch, he offered, "is a person of intrinsic worth."

Rom, a counsellor at Bialik Hebrew Day School, said youth today can turn to teachers and counsellors when in need, but that parents remain the major force in their lives.

Israeli centre seen as tops

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Israel's Poison Control Centre's database is state of the art and its people well trained, says Dr. Milton Tenenbein, who visited the centre located in the Technion's Rambam Hospital in Haifa just before the Gulf War.

Tenenbein is the director of Manitoba's Poison Control Centre and one of Canada's few specialists in toxicology. He visited Israel for the first time in late December and early January under the auspices of the Wenger Family academic Exchange Program.

Established by the Wenger family of Montreal four or five years ago, the program is administered through the Canadian Technion Society and is intended to enable Technion teachers and researchers to come to visit Canadian universities and medical research facilities and Canadian teachers and researchers to visit the Technion for short periods of time.

The first Winnipegger to go, Tenenbein was able to renew acquaintances with Dr. Uri Taitelman, director of Israel's Poison Control Centre as well as share his research with his Israeli counterparts. He gave a series of seminars while in Israel on the latest treatments for poison victims and worked with the Technion medical school's pharmacology graduate students.

Of particular interest to the staff and students was Technion's lecture on the new treatment for poisoning victims he has developed over the last five years. It's a procedure he began working on in 1985 and which is now used worldwide.

"I wasn't satisfied with the standard procedures being used to treat poison victims," he says. "I did some research and started experiments with a special solution — milder than castor oil — to try to wash out the stomach and intestines and clear out the harmful substances before they were absorbed into the body."

Although it took five years before Tenenbein was able to prove his treatment's effectiveness and have it generally accepted by the world medical community, he supports "healthy skepticism."

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Organizations and People

Holocaust martyrs remembered

Ottawa Jewish community holds Yom Hashoa service

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
Accompanied by a cool spring breeze, the local Jewish community gathered recently at the site of the community cemetery's Holocaust Memorial to mark the annual memorial observance of Yom Hashoa.

Approximately 300 people gathered for the one hour and a half ceremony, Sunday morning April 28 to remember the six million martyrs and to say "never again." Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Shelef, Ottawa March of the Living participants and Holocaust survivors were in attendance.

The designation of April 28 was in part determined because of past weather problems. Next year's Yom Hashoa ceremony will be moved back to coincide with other communities' memorial observances.

Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum of Temple Israel gives the keynote address at Ottawa's Yom Hashoa service. [Randy Fisher photo]

Reform Temple Israel Congregation Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum addressed the gathering about the horror of the Holocaust.

"Even the word (Holocaust/Yom Hashoa) sounds ominous causing a shiver along the spine."

With poetic precision Tanenbaum spoke about the murderous and premeditated intent of the Nazis to single out and destroy the Jews. "It was a nation bent on world domination," he said. "It was leather boots, machine guns with barrels too hot to touch ... The graves, the graves, the graves, and there is more."

Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir president Eli Rabin found it ironic that the Jewish people, a people who brought the world ethical principles and behaviour such as "love thy neighbor", could not find good neighbours and politicians when they were really needed.

In a direct reference to the rise of anti-Semitism and Holocaust deniers in Canada and abroad, Tanenbaum called for remembrance and vigilance in all communities, "even in sophisticated Ottawa."

Rabin decried the actions of anti-Semites who continue to "brutalize Jews and deny (the Holocaust) took place. "We must not allow this to take place. The Jewish people will never again allow this to happen," he said.

An integral part of the poignant and touching ceremony was the presentation of diary readings, song and poetry from the March of the Living participants who had travelled to the Nazi death camps and recorded their impressions and feelings.

One girl was at a loss to believe. "It goes beyond the mind," she read from her diary. "The ashes are in front of me and also around me too.

Her emptiest feelings came when she realized "what wasn't there.

"I felt so guilty when I left the concentration camp." she said.

The ceremony brought back many painful memories for those who were gathered. Fifteen year old high school student, David Kolker lost a couple of relatives in the Holocaust.

"It was a depressing service for me," he said, adding that it was important to come.

"It wakes you up to the importance of having a Jewish homeland," said David Lander, 18, one of the March of the Living participants. "There's still a tomorrow for the Jewish people."

Eliyanah Delicate, 17, also a March of the Living participant, spoke of the Holocaust continuum. "All my life I've grown up knowing my grandmother won't take a shower because of the camps."

Premier Rae defends his budget

[Cont'd. from page 1]

"As long as I'm premier, I would rather have us give a little more to each other than be a government that cuts and cuts. I reject that without apology. That's the bottom line of our budget."

The JF&CS will be reaching out to the Orthodox community in ways never tried before, Lorne Wolfson, president, told the meeting. It is hoping to extend its services to York Region, he said. More attention will be paid to the problem of intermarriage.

Wolfson said he learned at a conference recently that 20 per cent of all Jewish families in North America have only one parent living at home, that the great majority of Jewish mothers with children under six years of age have full-time jobs, that 15 per cent of Jews are in a low-income category, and that the intermarriage rate has risen to 38 per cent.

The JF&CS annual report revealed that abuse investigations were conducted on behalf of 230 children and adolescents and after hours emergency service was needed by 600 people. The agency had to remove 74 children from their homes. A total of 60 adopted people trying to find their real parents were assisted in their search.

Francie Storm was elected the new president and the following became new members of the board of directors: Sid Butovsky, Dr. Ralph Garber, Marla Kelman, Judy Shiff, Brian Stendel, Mark Walsh and Sharon Weintraub.

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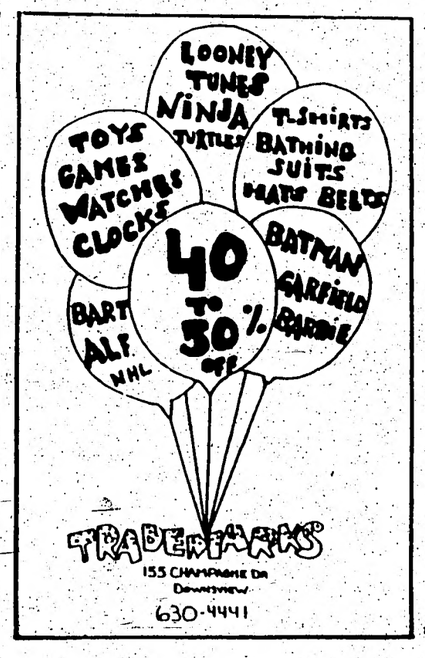

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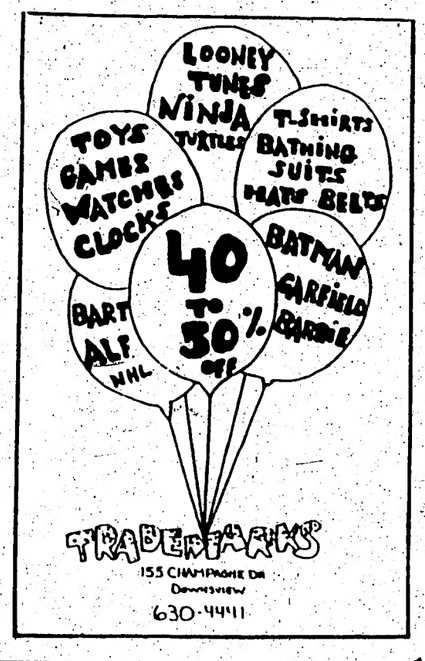

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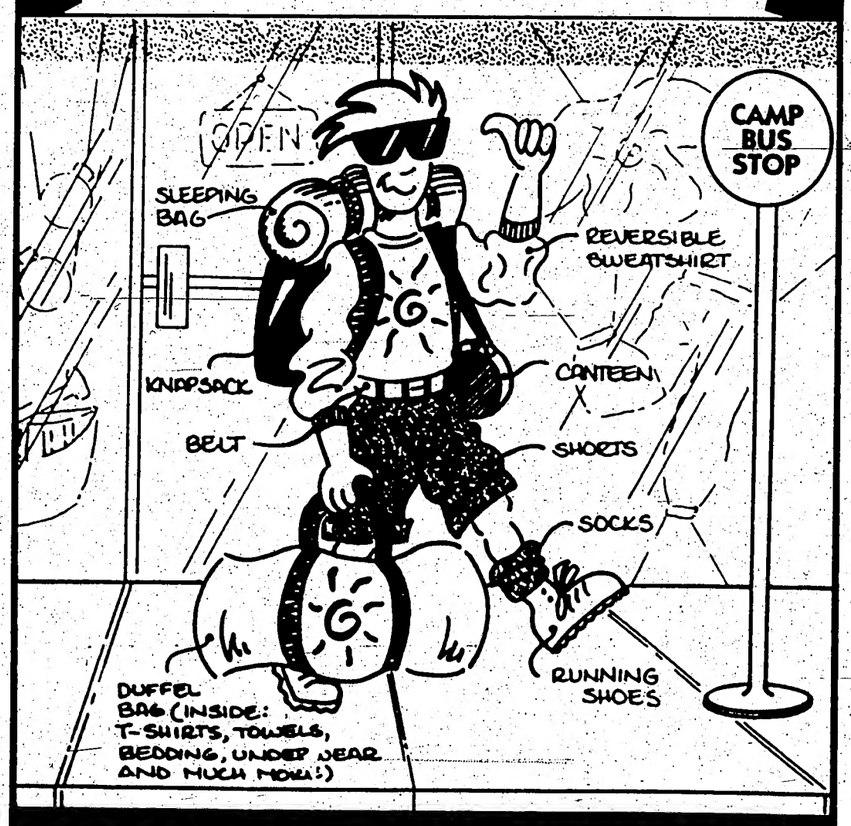

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Mayor's committee looks at ways to prevent elder abuse

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

More than 70 people gathered at City Hall recently to see what can be done to prevent elder abuse in unregulated residential accommodations across Metro Toronto.

The public forum was sponsored by the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging (TMCA) and moderated by former Toronto mayor, member of provincial parliament and provincial court judge, Phil Givens. It was aimed at people who have concerns about the quality, cost of services and possible neglect at these residential accommodations.

Givens explained that many nursing homes, long-term care facilities, boarding houses and other facilities housing vulnerable adults, such as the frail elderly and the disabled, are not regulated or inspected by provincial or municipal governments.

"This forum is taking place as a result of abuses that have occurred in these unregulated accommodations upon frail and vulnerable adults," Givens said.

He estimated that about 6,000 citizens fall into this category but stressed that it does not include those living in licensed nursing homes or homes for the elderly.

The panel included Ernie Lightman, commissioner of Ontario's commission of inquiry into unregulated residential accommodation, Al Ballantyne, a member of the CityHome board of directors and the TMCA's housing subcommittee, Margaret Reid, co-chair of the elder abuse action committee and former chair of the TMCA and Bob Yamashita, a member of the city's alternative housing subcommittee.

Lightman said that he has heard stories of physical and verbal abuse happening in all types of unlicensed rest and retirement and boarding homes across the province. "Our inquiry has raised the issue that it is definitely the responsibility of government to do something to protect vulnerable adults."

He said that the term vulnerable refers also to illness or disability and not merely to the frail elderly.

Reid said that she is very concerned about the problems of abuse in these homes. "As people grow older they have the right to make as many choices as possible and a rest or retirement home may be their choice.

"They must be assured however, that there is some type of regulation so that their safety and care will be set out and also that they will have some recourse if the contract breaks down."

A member of the audience who was speaking for a friend residing in an unlicensed accommodation, said that when his friend was assaulted in his home he had nowhere to turn because there are no regulations in the home. "There are no laws to help a tenant in this home if he is assaulted. Who is going to look after my friend if he has no rights where he lives?"

Reid said that psychological, physical and financial abuse happens often in these homes and "people need the protection of regulations for their own safety and security."

She stressed that although "some people say that substandard housing will always be with us, I say it is unacceptable."

Yamashita echoed Reid's sentiments about substandard housing and said that it is important to ensure that "tenants are always in a position to make decisions about their daily lives despite being frail, vulnerable or disabled. There must be a recognition of respect for tenants and their decision making."

Ballantyne said that by the time a person is in their 50s, they should begin looking down the line at how they are going to take care of themselves or who will look after them when they become elderly or disabled.

"If people would begin planning, they would ensure themselves of a reasonably safe old age. Planning should take place before they enter a facility where they have no control."

He said that if government could devise a plan to enable seniors to remain in their own homes, a lot of seniors would be very happy.

Ballantyne repeated that he is very adamant about people planning for their future. "People should make plans by way of a contract that so they can be assured of being taken care of and protected when they cannot take care of themselves. For that small group of seniors who have no one to help them there must be some method to have them protected when there is no one else to protect them."

A member of the audience said that there must be a clear commitment on behalf of the government to fund these unlicensed homes adequately and "begin the empowerment of residents in a real way."

Esplin gets Reena honors

TORONTO —

Look up angel in the dictionary and you'll find a photo of Jenny Esplin.

A retired education consultant and Reena Foundation board member who has tirelessly worked with adolescents with severe behavioral problems, Esplin was recently honored by the ministry of community and social services for her outstanding contributions in this field.

The Minister of Community and Social Services Zanana Akande, presented this special award to Esplin during a gala event on April 24 at the Central Regional Volunteer Awards ceremony in Woodbridge.

With her many years of devotion Esplin epitomizes the true scope of the word volunteer, as reflected in her work with the Reena Foundation, an organization committed to helping developmentally handicapped adults live and work independently in society's mainstream. mainstream.

Esplin is a citizen chairman of a committee which monitors the residential placement of young persons for the ministry of community and social services.

Esplin's devotion is particularly noteworthy with her hands-on approach to caring — for the past five years she has shared a duplex with two Reena clients, one of whom is her son.

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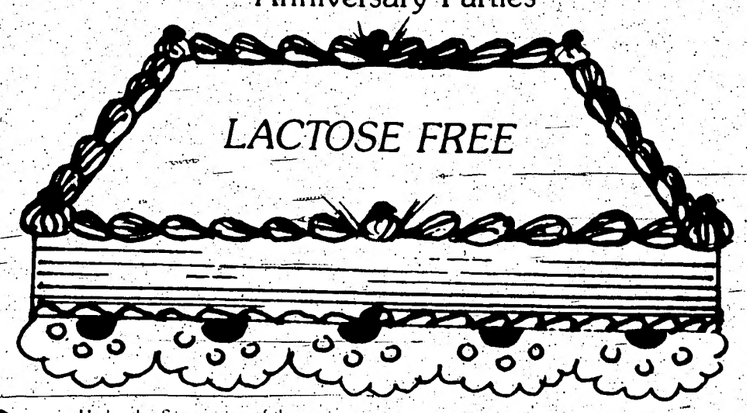

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Organizations and People

At a family dinner Kishinev newcomers Igor Opachevsky and mother Lea (centre) relax with Randal Slavens (right) and friend of family Charlotte Schwartz.

TJC program matches Soviets with local families

TORONTO — Jewish families across Toronto are participating in Family - to - Family, a unique volunteer project matching Soviet newcomers and local Jewish families.

Over 50 families are part of a pilot group organized by Toronto Jewish Congress (TJC) through its community integration program. Russian and Canadian families alike are very enthusiastic about the project.

Family-to-Family was launched last June. The program aims to give Soviet Jewish families new to Toronto a sense of belonging in the Jewish community; says program co-ordinator Karen Levitt of TJC.

"Linking newcomers with established Jewish families is seen as the best way to promote long-term integration" said Levitt. The same program has been successfully working across Israel, and in a dozen North American communities.

An organizing committee promotes the program, screens families, and matches applicants based on their ages, professions and hobbies. Families take on a one-year commitment and are invited to a group orientation prior to being matched.

A second option is "home hospitality," whereby families are matched for one or more Shabbat or holiday celebrations. New applicants are needed and will be matched in the coming months, explain co-chairmen Joan Stevens and Carol Kassel.

The Family-to-Family program will be expanding rapidly in the coming months and new host families will be needed, given the influx of 1,500 Soviet Jews to Toronto last year.

For further information contact Karen Levitt at (416) 635-2883 extension 251.

Adopted family

One of the host families, Vivian and John Cohen, tells organizers that they and their three teenagers are thrilled with their adopted family, the Klugermans from Vilnius. The two families have attended synagogue programs together, met the shul's rabbi, shared Friday dinners (the Lithuanian grandmother reportedly "makes a wonderful gefilte fish"), and enjoy a mutual passion for gardening.

A member of the Klugerman family recently found an engineering job through the Cohens' efforts. Both families feel they have made real friends through the program, adding it has been a valuable experience for their children as much as for them.

Family-to-Family is proving to be an opportunity for Russians to share their "firsts" with a Canadian Jewish family. Many of the Russian participants are excited to have experienced their first seder, bar mitzvah, or synagogue service with their adopted family.

The Opachevskys from Kishinev are "part of the mishpocha" at the home of Marsha and Eric Slavens. This past year they shared each Jewish holiday together, as well as trips to Niagara Falls and the Toronto Symphony.

At Chanukah, the Slavens presented the newcomers with their first Menorah.

Group events

Marsha Slavens noted with some pride that while newcomers themselves, the Opachevkys have already become active in Jewish community work and helped out in organizing group events for newly-arrived Soviets.

Mark and Susan Walsh have enjoyed Passover and Shabbat with their adopted Soviet family, the Gellers. Recently they were touched to be part of the Gellers' first attempt to make Shabbat in their new home.

The Walshes find that language barriers are quickly overcome for their children who enjoy computer games as a point of contact.

Family-to-Family organizers expect that many of the 250 who were matched from the Passover Seders will remain in contact and become adopted families.

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Shalom Toronto greets newcomers

TORONTO — Abraham the Patriarch eternally ensconsed in the corpus of Jewish tradition the mitzvah of treating strangers in a hospitable fashion.

The Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) of Toronto Jewish Congress continues to observe this obligation through the Shalom Toronto program.

On Monday, April 22, approximately 100 new Torontonians were welcomed by JWF Shalom Toronto official greeters and representatives of JWF organizational affiliates that included B'nai Brith Women, Emunah, Na'amat, Hadassah and ORT.

These organizations, along with representatives of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF & CS) the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), Bernard Betel Centre and the Jewish Information Service (JIS) circulated information regarding their respective programs in order to introduce newcomers to the plethora of services available in Toronto.

Shalom Toronto continues to greet Jewish newcomers to the city within their first year of arrival providing information regarding local services and agencies thereby, facilitating integration into the Jewish community.

Charles Diamond, TJC president, Judy Noyek, JWF president and Paula Mittleman, Shalom Toronto co-chairman brought greetings on behalf of the community to an intergenerational array of Ethiopians, Russians, Poles, Israelis, South Africans, Americans and Canadians. Audrey Taerk, Shalom Toronto co-chairman reinforced the message of communal hospitality, highlighting the array of integration venues available to newcomers.

Marlene Bloom and Barbara Abrams, 1990 co-chairmen were instrumental in organizing this year's event, taking charge of the information networking component of the program.

Traditionally, each new family or individual is met by a Shalom Toronto trained volunteer greeter. The greeter "touches base" with the newcomers with a "Shalom Basket" in hand. The basket usually contains the Ontario Jewish Resources Directory, a Jewish calendar, passes to the JCC health club, a kashruth directory, In Touch Newsletter, grape juice, Shabbat candles salt, honey and matzah.

Orientation session

As part of the training process, greeters are required to attend an orientation session. The history of Shalom Toronto, program orientation and interaction techniques with newcomers are areas covered in the orientation. Greeters usually speak a variety of languages including Yiddish, Hungarian, Russian, Hebrew, French and Spanish.

The program is publicized by postings in stores and communal agencies throughout the city, by letters sent to synagogues and day schools and through The CJN and the In Touch newsletter.

The Shalom Toronto Committee works with the TJC community integration committee, arranging group visits to Russian newcomers enrolled in ESL classes. Many newcomers are referred to Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Jewish Information Services, Jewish Family and Child Services, and the Jewish Comunity Centre.

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Herb Finkelstein feted for contributions to JCC

By
JOSEPH SERGE

TORONTO —

For once Herb Finkelstein kept his infamous mouth shut.

"The Mouth has decided to give you all a break," Finkelstein said at a gala dinner in his honor at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) April 30. "I will keep my speech short and sweet."

Which was just as well because it wasn't his mouth that was being honored. Finkelstein was chosen as Man of the Year for his outstanding contribution to the JCC, the Bloor Y branch in particular, and to the Jewish community.

"Every year, Finkelstein wins the Mouth of the Year award," Harvey Kotler, one of the speakers said. "This year we've decided to honor him as the 1991 man of the year."

For those who don't know him, Finkelstein has a reputation for speaking his mind, no matter how controversial and off topic. This characteristic was enforced by a huge caricature presented to him showing Finkelstein with, you guessed it, a rather huge mouth.

"He was never afraid to open his mouth and offer his opinion on any subject," Bernard J. Kamin, chairman of the board, said. Unfortunately, "his attention span is down to only one minute."

Finkelstein joined the Y to play basketball in 1943, and has never looked back. He admitted to devoting more time to it than to his marriage. Finkelstein, 60, has served on the branch management committee; strategic planning at the Valley branch; environmental design and on the board of directors of JCC. He is a member of the North York Lodge of B'nai Brith and the Adath Israel Congregation.

"The amount of time he devoted to the Y," said Shael Sone, his brother-in-law, "has contributed to its betterment and improvement. If it wasn't for Herb, the agency would not be in existence today."

Finkelstein praised the agency for the lasting friendships it gave him and "for the love it gave to me and to the Jewish community in Toronto."

In addition to his mouth, and his devotion to the Jewish community, Finkelstein is known for his love and prowess at sports, most notably basketball, hockey, tennis, and golf.

"He excelled in every sport," David Usher, chairman of the banquet committee said in his praise of Finkelstein. "His sincerity, integrity and strong opinion have earned him the respect from all of us."

Representatives of Zanana Akande, Ontario minister of community services; Michael Harris, leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party; and Art Eggleton, mayor of Toronto, presented Finkelstein with awards.

Alan B. Zender, president of the JCC, presented an award to Finkelstein for being an "outstanding member of the board of the JCC and for his contribution to our organization."

Other praises came from Rabbi Erwin Schild; Leonard Bernstein, last year's man of the year recipient; Fred Skurka, Finkelstein's cousin; Franklin Jacobs, chairman of the management committee; and old friend Leon Kaminsky who delighted the 270 guests with his humorous rendition of Finkelstein's life.

Phyllis Panet and Yitzhak Argamon entertained Finkelstein and his guests with traditional Israeli folk songs.

Cystic Fibrosis events held in May

TORONTO —

Each year May is designated as Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Month in an effort to increase public awareness and support to finance research for this incurable disease.

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Arts

Mel Allen still as enthusiastic as ever about baseball

By
GERRY MORRIS

GREENWICH, Conn. — He was the voice of the Yankees and he was the voice of a friend. He knew "The Babe" and named DiMaggio "Joltin' Joe." From 1939 to 1964, Mel Allen broadcast the play-by-play of all Yankees home games, first for radio, then television, too.

He rated the best seat at 20 World Series and 24 All-Star games, including the years of the Yankee dynasty, when Joe McCarthy and Casey Stengel managed and the players had names like Mantle, Gehrig, and DiMaggio. With the sounds and smells of another season, we can still hear his Alabamian drawl. Like the game itself, the magnetic voice of Mel Allen is timeless.

At 77, the lifelong bachelor is as enthusiastic now about the game as he was when he broadcast his first game.

Fans remember Allen's vocal trademark: "How about that!," which he shouted into the microphone every time a big player belted a home run. Detractors, however, complained that he sounded like death if the Yankees were losing. "I never thought I was prejudiced, just partisan," he told me, his face reddening. "There's a difference, OK."

Tendency to ramble

Allen knows he has a tendency to ramble; he calls it "wandering." Yogi Berra was once asked what he thought of Allen. Said Yogi: "Too many woids.

Probe him about the great Lou Gehrig and you find out even more about Mel Allen. "I remember one time Lou came into the dugout before a game," he said. "He only had a few months to live. I heard him shuffling along on his cane down the passageway leading from the dressing rooms. It broke you up to see a man of Lou's fierce pride and physical stature so crippled now.

"He sat down next to me and said, 'Mel when I was playing ball I couldn't listen to your broadcasts, but now I can. It keeps me going.' I just couldn't look into his face any longer, so I said, 'Thanks Lou,' ran outside and pressed my head against the wall and bawled like a baby."

In all his years of broadcasting Yankee games, Allen claimed there have been three individual accomplishments of "walloping importance": DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Robert Maris' 61 home runs in one season, and Don Larsen's perfect 1956 World Series game. (A historic day for this reporter too, who sat at Yankee Stadium to watch Larsen retire 27 Dodger hitters, three up and three down, for nine innings.)

As the top three players of their time, Allen listed Stan Musial, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio.

Les Brown and his Band of Renown were swinging to the hit song, *Joltin' Joe DiMaggio*, in 1941. "That was the year Joe began the longest hitting streak in the history of baseball," said Mel. "He played with such fluid grace and regality. Other men hit more home runs and stole more bases, but DiMaggio was the complete ball player. He was the class of New York."

Despite all the problems of the current Yankees, you can't get Allen to say an unkind word about his team. One suspects that beneath his brown tweed suit is pinstriped underwear. Red Barber, his colleague in the booth for a couple of years put it best: "The Yankees were his wife and his life."

But he has mixed opinions on ex-Yankees. On former owner, George Steinbrenner, he said, "George would probably be better as a head football coach than a baseball owner — he knows more about it."

On Billy Martin: "He'd start a fight at the drop of a hat. I once bumped him by accident and he reeled around, fists up, ready to fight." On Reggie Jackson: "He knew what he did was show business."

Born Melvin Israel, Allen was brought up in a Conservative Jewish family in Birmingham, Ala. Later on, while attending the University of Alabama law school, he broadcast the college's football games. Though he graduated, he never practised law, deciding to try his luck in New York.

Staff announcer

In 1937, he became a staff announcer for CBS Radio, taking the name Mel Allen at the "suggestion" of management. Soon after, he was introducing the likes of Perry Como, Duke Ellington, and Benny Goodman to a national radio audience ("For your dancing and listening pleasure, coming to you from The Hotel Commodore in New York City . . .") before switching to sports.

Secure in his new job, he moved his parents to New York. For their 49th anniversary, Allen remembered, he took them to Israel, and on the way back, they stopped in Rome to see the Pope.

"Cardinal Spellman arranged seats for us at St. Peter's, right in the area where they brought in Pope John," he said. "Afterwards my mother said to the Cardinal, 'Your Excellency, I want to thank you for those wonderful seats. They were right behind home plate.' "

Still active in baseball, Mel Allen has hosted the syndicated show *This Week In Baseball*, since 1976, and on occasion, fills in as a play-by-play announcer whenever the league needs him.

"There's not as much fun in the game today," he said, recalling bygone times 'where announcers and players hobnobbed at the hotel bar the night before a game. "Ball clubs used to travel by train and they ate as a team in their own diner car and played cards in another.

"But today a lot of the players give each other the high five and then can't get showered fast enough to get out of the clubhouse. A player now signs a contract for three years. He doesn't worry — unless he's a professional — until the third year.

"It reminds me of the old story when Babe Ruth hit his peak he was criticized for holding out for an $80,000 contract. Asked why he thought he should be paid more money than the $75,000 salary of the president of the United States, he grumbled and said: 'Why not? I had a better year than he had.' "

Broadcasting excellence

In 1978, Allen's peers voted him and Red Barber the first Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasting excellence, which he considers the greatest honor of his life. (The plaque hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.) His second greatest honor, he said, occurred in 1950 when Yankee management staged a Mel Allen Day.

Another proud career moment is coming up May 16. That's when Mel Allen, Hank Greenberg, Sandy Koufax, Mark Spitz, Red Auerbach and eight other Jewish sports figures will be honored as the first inductees in the newly formed B'nai B'rith Sports Hall of Fame, located at the Klutznick Museum in Washington D.C.

Currently, Allen is a speaker on the banquet circuit and, believe it or not, the voice on a diaper commercial ("There was no joy in Diaperville").

With our interview winding down, my gracious host walked me to the car, while speaking of an old baseball movie about Babe Ruth, starring William Bendix. "Just to give you an idea of how bad the movie was," said Allen, slamming the car door, "it showed Ruth hitting his 60th home run in 1927, with Mel Allen announcing it, and in 1927 I was in grade school!"

Then he leaned in the window and said, "Got time for one more story?"

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Stage West play full of jolly witticisms

Cemetery Club like Golden Girls with Jewish flavor

The Lively ARTS

By FRANK RASKY

It's easy to describe the delights of *The Cemetery Club* (running until June 16 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre, 5400 Dixie Rd., 263-0684).

The Off-Broadway comedy hit is like a superior version of TV's *The Golden Girls* with a juicy Yiddish flavor.

Playwright Ivan Menchell, the 28-year-old son of a Jewish comedian from Manhattan, has written a funny, *haymishe* laugh-grabber that encompasses tenderness and ends, surprisingly, with Chaplinesque pathos.

No wonder Touchstone Pictures has asked Menchell to write a movie adaptation of his stage comedy.

It's about three Jewish widows in their 60s who meet once a month at a New York cemetery to pay their respects to their dearly departed spouses.

Their friendship is in danger of breaking up when one of the trio attracts an unattached suitor — Sam, the kosher butcher, who is so old-fashioned that he actually *delivers* chicken livers to his favorite customers.

What makes the comedy so authentic is that two of the widows are portrayed by a pair of seasoned actresses who are, in my opinion, two of Canada's most gifted Jewish comediennes.

One is Joyce Gordon, who has demonstrated in the past she's quite capable of playing a stylish, "veddy English" Lady Bracknell in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance Of Being Earnest*. Yet she was equally convincing as the yenta Jewish mother who dominates her guilt-ridden son in *Bye Bye Birdie* recently staged at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Here she almost steals the show as the seemingly aggressive Lucille, who nurses the illusion a la Blanche in *The Golden Girls* that she's a femme fatale.

I use the word "almost" intentionally. For Sylvia Lennick is a rival miscreant who steals the show right back from her. Who can ever forget her role as Julius Caesar's wife on the *Wayne And Shuster Show* Shakespearean parody who uttered the classic gag line: "I told him, 'Julie, don't go'!"

Here she plays the devoted widow, Doris, who says of her loyalty to her late husband, "Another man like Abe, I'll never find." Yet she is absolutely hilarious when getting tipsy at a party and devising a *meshugene* dance that had the audience howling with laughter.

The weakest comedienne in the trio is the non-Jewish TV actress, Ann B. Davis, probably best remembered as the character Schultzy on the *Bob Cummings Show*. On opening night, she exhibited no flair whatsoever for Yiddish humor or a New Yorkese accent; indeed, she appeared to have relied upon canned laughter for her TV sitcom roles.

Happily, she loosened up her prissy stiffness in the second act, and displayed emotion poignantly in a dramatic scene with Gordon which it would be unfair for me to reveal.

I got a hoot out of this amusing sample of byplay:

Gordon: "I suggest we all resign from this Cemetery Club, where half of the members are dead. Or else we should begin playing the field and scouting around for more applicants."

Davis: "Dating men? I'd hardly know where to scout one down. And once I located him, I'd hardly remember how to do it again . . . if you know what I mean."

Gordon: "Don't worry about sex, dollink. It's like riding a bicycle."

Despite its grim title, *The Cemetery Club* is full of jolly witticisms like that.

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MINIREVIEW: I have certain reservations about *Dry Lips Oughta Move To Kapuskasing* by the award-winning Cree Indian playwright Tomson Highway (running until May 25 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, 872-3333). It's a powerful but uneven slapstick comedy-cum-dark tragedy about the macho male natives on a mythical reserve on Manitoulin Island in north Ontario.

It's not as funny as Tomson's 1986 earthy farce, *The Rez Sisters*, about the women from the same reserve driving all the way to Toronto to play the much ballyhooed "biggest bingo game in the world." In fact, this second play in Tomson's drama series is apparently anti-feminist.

A girl is brutally raped with a crucifix. And when the women launch their own hockey league, a bullying male confesses, "I hate the bitches, because they have taken the power away from us men."

The play is also marred by its tendency to be amateurish, preachy, windey and incoherent at times. But despite these flaws, it's definitely worthwhile seeing. It's brilliantly staged by director Larry Lewis. The humor by Graham Greene as a toothless bootlegger is wonderfully bawdy.

The variety of roles played by Doris Linklater — ranging from Nanabush, the mischievous trickster of Indian lore, to a bloated and pregnant Madonna figure kissing her rosary in between hefty swigs of beer, are imaginative.

And the offstage sound effects of howling wolves and animal spirits, as well as the simple musical accompaniment of a mouth organ playing the blues, add another dimension that seems exactly right.

Altogether, it's an ambitious attempt to offer a squalid yet rich slice of Canadian Indian life that is vividly memorable, and producers Ed and David Mirvish deserve a pat on the back for bringing it to our attention.

Sylvia Lennick (left), Joyce Gordon (centre) and Ann B. Davis compete for laughs in the delightful comedy The Cemetery Club at Stage West.

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

Literati Department: This week I'd like to offer mazel tov to two late-blooming authors.

One is Toronto poet **Eddy Yanofsky**, who won the $1,000 prize provided by the first Gwendolyn MacEwen Memorial Award at a ceremony held recently at Harbourfront's World Poetry Festival. The eminent Canadian jury members — **Margaret Atwood, Barry Callaghan** and **Al Purdy** — honored his work in the new $4 chapbook of modern verse, *In Separate Rooms*, published by **Nick Power's** Gesture Press at 68 Tyrrel Ave. (654-9094).

Frank Rasky

The extraordinary thing about his book is that Yanofsky has been writing poetry for only two years. Now 40, he was a salesman in the Montreal garment trade until he moved to Toronto nine years ago; he has since worked in the promotion department of the University of Toronto Bookstore. I particularly liked these lines:

A contemporary Jew, I travel over landscapes/ Retreating in tragic flight/ Seeing the fly in my room hurl itself toward the bulb to escape/ My windowless corners, my buzzing, sleepless night. . . .

The other author is **Anna Baum**, a 70-year-old Holocaust survivor, who wrote *Processions: Stories From A Polish Past*. It originated when her two children and five grandchildren in Toronto wanted her help in compiling a family tree. It grew into a series of 13 fictionalized biographical portraits which greatly moved **David Knight**, English professor at University of Toronto, who is also a poet, novelist and owner of Toronto's Childe Thursday small press.

He published it as a 160-page, $12.50 book, which recaptures vividly life in Poland before and after Hitler's invasion. To order copies, contact the publisher at 29 Sussex Ave. (979-2544).

Good news for jazz fans: **Moe Koffman**, the flute player, will be performing from May 15 to 18 and **Lorne Lofsky** will be strumming his guitar May 21 and 22 at Bob Sniderman's Top of The Senator, 249 Victoria St. (364-7517).

Norwegian film star **Liv Ullmann**, best known for her sensitive acting in the **Ingmar Bergman** movies *Scenes From A Marriage* and *Sighs And Whispers*, will be guest speaker at a Hadassah-WIZO fund-raising lunch for the Youth Aliyah movement on May 23 at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. (789-4373).

Harpist **Erica Goodman** and oboist **Lawrence Cherney** will perform the works of two Toronto composers — **Brian Cherney's** *River Of Fire* and **Milton Barnes'** *Divertimento For Solo Harp* — at an interesting fund-raising concert being held May 30 at the Yorkville Avenue home of artist **Vivian Reiss** and the historic property restorer, **Irving Garten** (927-1796). Proceeds will help maintain the First Narayever Congregation at 187 Brunswick Ave.; the Orthodox synagogue was founded in 1914 in a building at the corner of Huron and Dundas for Jews who had emigrated from the Galicia town of Naraiev.

The Voice In The Mirror, Or The Experiments of Dr. Franck — a new musical inspired by **Mary Shelley's** gothic novel, *Frankenstein* — will be presented from May 22 to 26 at The Stage Downstairs, 26 Berkeley St. (368-2856). It's a collective written by graduating students of Montreal's National Theatre School under the supervision of Jewish playwright **Sheldon Rosen**; his most recent play, *The Duck Sisters*, was produced last year by Toronto Theatre Plus.

My quote this week comes from the late **Leonard Bernstein**, whose Broadway compositions ranging from *West Side Story* to *On The Town*, will be saluted May 17 and 18 in a musical tribute by conductor **David Stahl**, soprano **Shari Saunders** and the **Elmer Iseler Singers** at Roy Thomson Hall (593-4828):

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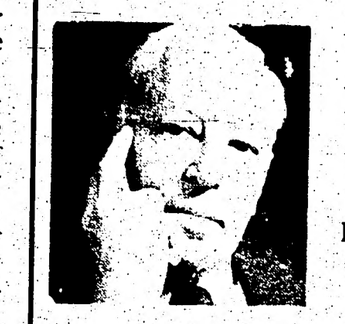
George Benjamin played important role as first Jew elected to a Canadian legislature



Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Burn This Gossip by Sheldon & Judith Godfrey, (Duke & George Press $29.95)

The first Jew ever elected to a Canadian legislature was George Benjamin of Belleville, Ont. In 1856, prior to confederation, he was elected as a member of parliament of what was then called the Province of Ontario. He served without interruption until 1863. His election came a year before Baron Lionel de Rothschild was seated as Britain's first Jewish MP.

During the course of his colorful and productive career of 30 years, Benjamin was offered a ministerial position in the federal cabinet. He refused this offer out of loyalty to his own party led by John A. Macdonald, which was then in opposition. A 107 years were to pass before Herb Gray became Canada's first Jewish federal cabinet minister.

Born in Britain, Benjamin spent a short time in the United States where he married a 13-year-old girl from New Orleans, before emigrating to Canada. He viewed relatively undeveloped Belleville as a place of challenge and opportunity. With a background that included some newspaper experience, he founded and became editor of the Belleville Intelligencer, now Ontario's longest surviving newspaper.

Ambitious, astute and hard working, he became the first Canadian Jew known to have been elected to municipal office, to serve as county registrar of deeds and Justice of the Peace. Rather strange and paradoxical was his election as grand master of the 50,000 member Orange Lodges of British North America which required him to recite passages from the New Testament and pledge loyalty to Christianity.

Religious inspiration

Unhappily, there were few Jews in the community who could have provided him with religious inspiration or reassurance and he gradually severed his few links with Judaism.

In the early years he carefully recorded the birth of his 11 children in the cherished Hebrew prayer book he had brought from Britain. Later he abandoned this practice as his children were baptized as Christians.

In time, he and his wife were also baptized and buried in the cemetery of the local Anglican church. None of his many descendants remained Jewish.

Toward the end of his life, Benjamin suffered financial reverses and sought a political appointment or sinecure that would guarantee him a measure of security. He found it difficult to maintain his splendid 22-room home and to properly educate his children.

He appealed to John A. Macdonald, who acknowledged Benjamin's many years of loyalty and contributions to the party. In a moving letter to Benjamin he assured him that he would not be forgotten. The letter, which also discussed political issues of the day, ended with the words, "Burn this gossip." Alas, the promise was never fulfilled and Benjamin died a bitter and disappointed man.

The authors evaluate Benjamin in this way. "He was known to have been a Jew by those who voted for him, yet he was elected to public office again and again. He had come to Canada to search out the land. He had ended by putting to rest the question of whether Jews in Canada could be elected to public office and could serve as members of parliament. That was his legacy."

Shortly before he died he wrote to his brother in Hebrew, "I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

Benjamin's career has never before been researched or written about in depth. Sheldon and Judith Godfrey of Toronto have approached their task with enthusiasm and brought to life a relatively unknown Canadian Jewish personality, and the period in which he lived, in an absorbing and readable manner.

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Jewish Folk Choir marks 65 years

Yiddish writer's story told in concert

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The 65th annual concert of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will be remembered for the spirited and delightful rendition of *Oifn Fidl*, a folk cantata, based on an autobiographical story by Sholem Aleichem with music by Vladimir Heifetz.

Since it is the 75th anniversary of Sholem Aleichem's yahrzeit, the selection was a particularly appropriate one.

Without detracting in any way from the musicianship of conductor David Varjabed, soloist Joel Katz, and the fine choir, the real heart of this cantata is Sholem Aleichem's story-telling genius and its narration, in Yiddish, by talented actress Vivian Reis.

Dressed as a Yeshiva bocher, tzistzis and all, Reis told the amusing yet heart-breaking story of how a young lad's love of the violin (*fidl*) led to the breaking off of his engagement and to the resulting shame and illness of his father.

And never did a violinist (Eric Watson) get such wonderful support from a piano as supplied by accompanist Lina Zemelman, whose fingers played the keys as if they were plucking violin strings.

The rest of the program was a varied, at times difficult one. Its concession to popular tastes was not too successful, since soloist Katz, singing *If I Were a Rich Man*, dressed up in tails, was a bit much.

Excerpts from the Canadian Work Song Suite, arranged by Leon Zuckert, who was in the audience, were a welcome change in pace from three rather dirge-like classical works on Jewish themes.

Steinberg among guests

Edith Steinberg, a founding member of the Choir, who sang under Hyman Riegelhaupt, who led the Freedom Choral Society, the Choir's forerunner, was among guests at the concert. Others included John Weinzweig, Fagel and Esther Gartner, and Ben Steinberg and Milton Barnes, Canadian composers whose work has been performed by the choir.

In a brief introduction to the concert held at Rosedale Heights Seconday School Reis said the choir is the oldest, continuous Jewish music group in Canada.

Tribute for Sholem Aleichem held on 75th anniversary of death

TORONTO —

"He died in a city he didn't particularly like, in a country to which he came reluctantly on his way to somewhere else."

This is the way the life of Sholem Aleichem was summed up by Gerry Kane to an overflow crowd in the Lipa Green building observing the 75th anniversary of the writer's death in New York on May 13, 1916.

Aleichem died broke, a victim of tuberculosis and diabetes, and he asked to be buried among ordinary working people, said Kane, chairman of the Toronto Jewish Congress Committee for Yiddish.

In an erudite tribute to the famed Jewish writer, Kane said the original Tevya of Aleichem's writings was not a simple-minded milkman trying to marry off his daughters, but a man who saw profound changes coming for Jews in the relationships between parents and children, in their attitude to religion and to the state.

The writer knew both wealth and poverty but never lost his undying love for the *"Clena menchalem,"* Kane said.

A highlight was a brief concert of Yiddish folk songs by the fourth grade of the Bialik Hebrew Day School conducted by Doron Ophir.

Among the guests were Svetlana Kogan-Rabinowitz, of Kiev, a grand niece of Sholom Aleichem, now a temporary resident of Toronto.

An exhibit of the author's memorabilia in the building's rotunda includes a volume on his life and work by the late Melech Grafstein. Two of Grafstein's daughters, Molly Franklin of Toronto, and Pearl Noble of London, and two sons, Joe and Sam of Toronto, were present.

Jim Peterson, MP for Willowdale, spoke briefly. Richard Bassett of the Friends of Yiddish, chaired the ceremony.

Those who arranged it were Ana Berman, Judy Epstein, Helen Kleinberg, Norma Kazdan, Chaim Reches, Sylvia Lustgarten, Bella Sanderson, Bess Shockett, Hugh Sinclair and Richard Bassett.

The exhibit continues until June 2.

Later the Yiddish Culture Council and the Committee for Yiddish presented An Evening of Sholem Aleichem at the Workmen's Circle Hall with guest speaker Prof. Eugene Orenstein of Montreal, and readings by Julius Sokoloff and Dr. Ruth Borchiver. — **B.R.**

Grossman gets book prize

TORONTO —

Ibolya Grossman, of Toronto, has won the Joseph Tanenbaum prize in Holocaust literature for her autobiographical memoir of the war years in Hungary.

Professor Martin Lockshin of York University has won the Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award in Biblical and Rabbinic Scholarship for his annotated translation, Rabbi Samuel Ben Meir's Commentary on Genesis.

The two awards, which give the recipients $500 each, were announced recently by the Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Grossman's book deals with her struggle to establish a normal life in postwar Hungary and in Canada. The work, published by the Multi-Cultural History Society of Ontario in soft cover, was cited by Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, committee chairman, for its moving evocation of the dark Holocaust years.

The book is published by the Edwin Mellon Press of Queenston, Ont.

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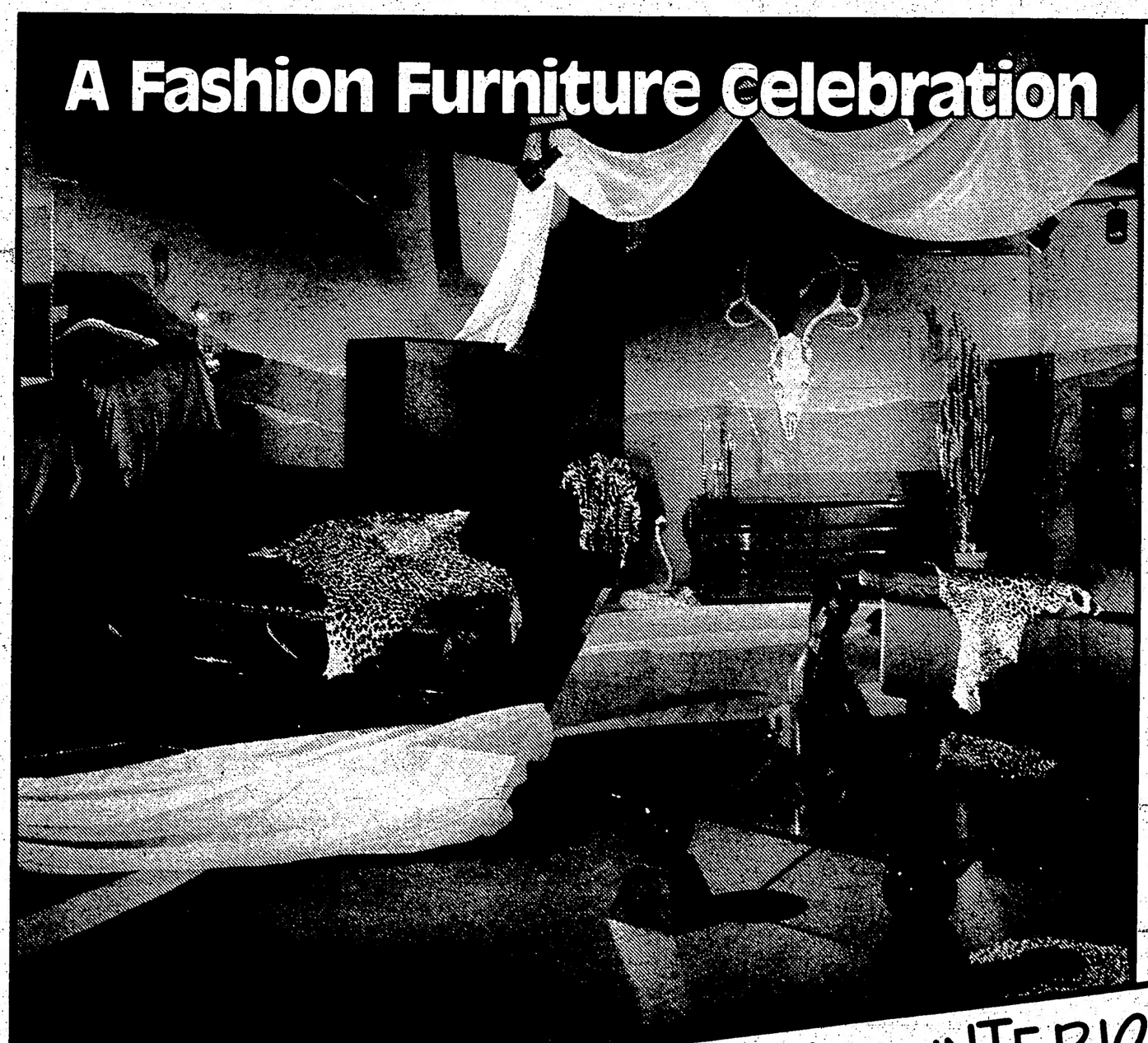
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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

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To those who have not been there, take my word for it. If you want perfect weather, excellent facilities, plenty of sun and sand and sites (both religious and historical) that will keep you ooohhhing and aaahhing for days, then the **Holy Land's** the place for you.

Because there's so much to see and do there, I don't have the space to cover everything, but over the next few weeks I'll tell you about some spots you shouldn't miss. So call your travel agent and tell him/her you want to go to **Israel.** Say I sent you. It won't do you any good, but maybe I'll get a discount.

You can't talk about **Israel** without mentioning its beaches and with 363 kms of coastal waters, there are plenty where you can kick back and soak up the rays.

One of the most popular is at **Netanya**, a **Mediterranean** city of some 100,000, 25 km north of **Tel Aviv**. It has one of the finest landscaped beach promenades in the country, with flights of steps leading down to eight beaches.

Breakwaters have turned this strip of sea into a series of quiet bays where some 25 hotels provide over 1,900 rooms. The city of **Netanya** is also known as **Israel's** diamond capital and citrus centre. Where else can you scoop up some "ice" to go with your orange juice and champagne?

For more information call **Debbie Vadas** at the **Israel Government Tourist Office** in **Toronto**, or **IGTO** as we say in the biz. What **Debbie** doesn't know about **Israel** isn't worth knowing. Not only is she helpful, but she's got a great personality.

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When I drive around the country, I enjoy reading the billboards. Not much to read in **Canada** as our government doesn't allow them along major highways. God forbid that tourists should know if there's anything of interest along their route.

Anyway, I had reason to drive through part of **Michigan** last week and saw a few cute signs. You're probably all familiar with the **Nike** ads featuring baseball-football star **Bo Jackson**. Well, they've got a series of **"Just kidding"** billboard ads. For example, one says in large bold letters, **"Meet Bo!"** followed by **"Just kidding."** Another reads **"Nike wholesale outlet. ONLY 737 miles"** again followed by **"Just kidding."** They're eye-catching and bring a smile.

And did you know that **Gaylord, Mich.**, north of **Flint,** is the halfway point between the equator and the north pole? So what, you ask? "Sew buttons, fella!" as my mother would say but I'm too polite.

I toss that out only as a bit of travel trivia to impress your friends. If you have any.

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Okay, who's the piker? Several weeks ago in this column I touted a horse in the **Kentucky Derby** for those of you who may have been planning to attend the race or who knew the neighborhood bookie. The horse was called **Strike the Gold**. It won and paid $11.20.

In that same column I said that if it won, you would have to pay me 20 per cent of your winnings. Only fair, I think. Obviously you don't, for to date, I have received bubkes. Now I didn't expect thousands of you to run out and mortgage your house to lay some green on this nag's nose, but some of you, even one of you, must of taken a shot.

So I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and wait one more week. If nothing arrives, forget about the Preakness and Belmont. You're on your own.

Special parking in B.C.

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Disabled persons who drive to British Columbia will be pleased to hear that special parking spaces will be provided for them in parking areas throughout the province.

The motor vehicle branch has set up a registration process for those requiring disabled parking placards to be placed on their cars. And designation and enforcement procedures to protect the designated spaces "are a key component of the program," according to the Solicitor-General's Department, which is in charge of the plan. Local governments will be empowered to enact regulations to ensure that the spaces are protected and to fine persons who park illegally in the spaces.

Signs for the spaces and for the placards will be uniform throughout the province. "Out of province vehicles displaying signage will also be recognized," said Solicitor-General Ivan Messmer.

In another move to help the disabled, the BC Transit System has launched a trial program in Victoria to help blind residents catch a bus.

Under this system CNIB clients will be provided with a bound series of braille-embossed route-number cards. The cards are small enough to fit into a person's pocket but large enough to be seen by an oncoming bus driver — letting him know if the visually impaired person is waiting for his bus. The system, developed by a bus driver, is drawing interest from other transit systems across the country, says BC Transit.

Another aid to the disabled and elderly on buses is the plan for the Victoria Regional Transit Commission to begin converting to low floor, handicapped-accessible buses. Nine of the new buses will be brought on line this year.

The low-floor buses, which allow wheelchair access via a short ramp from the bus to the curb, cost $272,500 compared to $234,00 for a conventional bus. The low-floor bus will of course, be available not only for wheelchairs but to the frail and elderly who can't take that first step from the curb to bus.

The New York-New Jersey Port Authority has ordered 40 of the buses for use in its airport run, but Victoria is the first conventional transit system to use them. Sixty per cent of the Victoria buses will be accessible to the handicapped within five years, according to the transit system, and 80 to 90 per cent in 10 years.

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The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

Question: When I did my income tax return I found that I had made a large overpayment on my RRSP. I understand that the carry forward rule does not begin until the 1991 tax year. How do I go about getting my money back?

Answer: First you will have to wait for Revenue Canada to process your tax return. They will then send you a notice of assessment showing the overpayment and the corrected income tax due.

Upon receipt of the notice of assessment you will have to complete a Revenue Canada form T3012 and send it to them. It will take some time, perhaps several months, but they will return the form to the RRSP carrier to refund your overpayment.

Question: I presently have with my bank a three year RRIF which renews in September of this year. Rates are constantly going up and down and it seems whenever it's time to renew my plan, rates are down. Quite frankly, I'm getting tired of chasing interest rates. Is there something I can do to bring stability to my income?

Answer: There are several possible ways to solve this problem. You could restructure your RRIF to pay out more principal. However, there is the danger that if you take excess principal now, the RRIF funds may run out earlier than age 90.

Or you may lock-in a longer investment term for your RRIF funds which will reduce the number of investment decisions you will have to make in the future. Presently, long term rates are in excess of 10 per cent which is considered to be a good average by most financial people.

Stable income may also be created by switching to an annuity. Although in most annuities you lose the flexibility of an RRIF, you have the reliability of a constant steady income which will last all of your life, even past age 90.

There are a variety of annuities available, including some that have cashable features. In most instances, annuities may be structured in a way that makes sure you or your spouse will receive ongoing income or its equivalent current cash value. The nice thing about annuities is, they are worry free.

Although RRIF's have gained in popularity in recent years, annuities are still a valuable planning tool and, in fact, have shown some increased popularity recently.

Investment income sometimes receives better tax treatment in the form of dividends than interest income does. If you receive dividends from shares of a Canadian Corporation, you are entitled to a federal dividend tax credit of 16.67 per cent of the dividend you receive.

If you received $10,000 of dividend income, this would generate a tax credit of $167. This is then deducted from federal income tax payable.

You might consider changing some of your interest income to dividend income. This may, however, imply greater risks than GIC investments.

Income splitting is another way to reduce your taxable interest income. If it is your intention to leave your estate to children, consider giving them some of your estate now in the form of a cash gift.

Any income from the investment of these funds made by your children over age 18 will be taxed in their hands. You will also derive the pleasure of seeing your children enjoying the funds while you are alive.

These strategies are not to be considered as a full list of what can be done, however, they might be just the thing to restore your OAS and lower your tax bracket.

We suggest you consult with your accountant who would be in a better position to know which strategies would be most effective.

Question: I am in my early 70s, I live in a rental apartment and have almost all of my monies invested in Canada bonds and GIC's The problem is that the interest I earn puts me into the highest income tax bracket. I also have my Old Age Security "clawed back." Do you have any suggestions which might help lower my taxes and perhaps get back my OAS?

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Vehicle company to sell to Israel

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Toyota Motor Corp. has announced it will soon start selling cars in Israel.

This step means it will be one of the first major Japanese companies to come out publicly against the Arab-led economic boycott of Israel.

"This is the most significant company to break with the boycott," said William Rapfogel, executive director of the Institute of Public Affairs, the public policy arm of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

"We're very hopeful that the change in Toyota is a harbinger of things to come and that other companies will see opportunity in Israel and not feel the need to restrict trade with Israel."

Over the past few years, Toyota had come under increasing pressure from Jewish organizations to begin sales in Israel, including a letter-writing campaign by members of Orthodox Union.

The letter-writing campaign also targeted 17 other Japanese companies accused of following the boycott, including Toshiba, Casio, Hitachi, Aiwa, Nippon Steel, Nissan and Mazda, said Rapfogel.

And many Jewish groups also contacted Toyota to express concern "that we were in tacit compliance" with the boycott, said Tim Andree, manager for external affairs at Toyota's North American headquarters here.

Although Toyota never admitted it adhered to the boycott of Israel, it was one of numerous Japanese companies which for years had refused to do business with the Jewish state.

"Our answer then, as it is now, is that we had to find the right partner and study the market, and that we don't jump into any market quickly," Andree said.

The economic boycott of Israel, which was organized in 1951 by the 21 nations of the Arab League, not only prohibits companies from engaging in trade with Israel, but also seeks to isolate companies that do business with

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Correction

In the fashion supplement that ran the issue of May 9, a story was featured about a clothing manufacturer in Montreal. The name of the company is called Colourworks and not Colorworks as was printed. The Montreal clothing company can be reached at (514) 383-0153. The CJN regrets the error.

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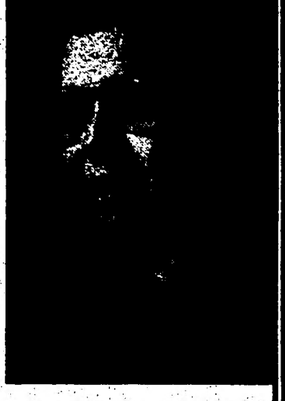
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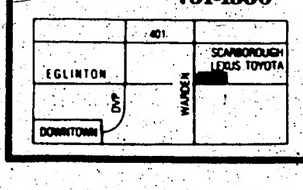

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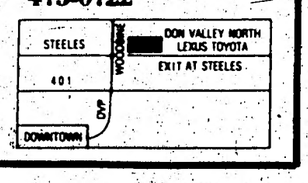

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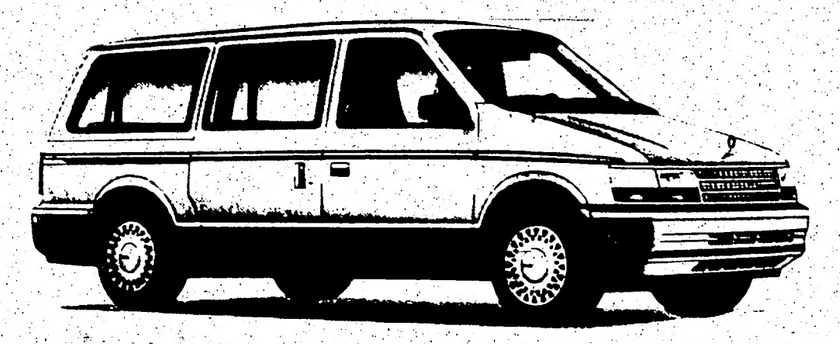
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Job bidding system expanded

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO — Supply and Services Canada (SSC) is expanding its open-bidding system of procurement to include services as well as goods, the Minister of Supply and Services announced recently.

Paul Dick told about 700 people at the FedNor conference that "effective immediately, the majority of our competitive purchases for services worth more than $25,000 will be subject to open bidding."

He said that in the past year, SSC has revolutionized federal government buying — one of the most important markets for Canadian business.

"Each year, we buy about $8 billion worth of goods and services ... the results of these reforms are dramatic. We now have a purchasing system that is fairer to all businesses in all parts of the country," he said, adding that the system is not only modern and efficient but easy to understand.

"Since last April, we have been soliciting bids on a basis of open bidding for the majority of our competitive transactions involving goods valued at $25,000 or more.

"Public notices are advertised through our daily publication, Government Business Opportunities and an electronic Procurement Opportunities Board known as POB," he said.

Dick explained that POB is a fairer system because it gives companies across Canada more equitable access to the federal market.

"Using the POB you can see our requirements for the whole country — not just the region where your office is located," he said, adding that open bidding will help businesses position themselves for other market opportunities.

"As you know, markets are getting bigger, freer and more competitive. Look at what's happening in the field of government buying.

"Domestically, discussions on lowering barriers on provincial government procurement are underway. Internationally, the Canada - U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has opened up government procurement in both countries."

He added that international negotiations are underway to further open foreign markets.

Firm's decision lauded by BB

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the Jewish state.

U.S. federal anti-boycott laws make it illegal for American companies to uphold the boycott or transfer information about a company's dealings with Israel.

But the Export-Import Act of 1977 is only applicable to U.S. firms or foreign companies that have U.S. subsidiaries. It has no jurisdiction over the parent company, according to officials of the Commerce Department's Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance.

In the wake of the war in the Persian Gulf, and American assistance to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, U.S. officials have become more sensitive to the economic boycott and its psychological and economic impact on Israel.

Secretary of State James Baker has suggested to Arab countries that they drop the boycott as a sign of good faith for future negotiations with Israel. In March, 82 U.S. senators signed a letter asking the emir of Kuwait to end his country's compliance with the boycott.

Jewish groups, meanwhile, have been focusing on Japanese compliance. In early April, the International Committee for Free Trade with Israel, an umbrella organization of six major Jewish groups, met with Japanese Embassy officials in Washington to express their concern over boycott compliance.

The issue came up again a few days later during a meeting in California between President George Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu. Japanese press reports later said that Kaifu expressed his disapproval of the Arab-led boycott.

According to a translation from the Japanese newspaper Nikkei, Kaifu explained that "Japan's relationship to Israel will be reinforced as part of Japan's postwar Middle East policy."

Jewish officials who monitor the boycott say Japanese compliance is due more to practical reasons than ideological ones. Japan, an island nation with no natural oil reserves, is totally dependent on outside oil sources, making its relations with Arab countries of prime importance.

The Japanese government finds itself in the position of not wanting to institute anti-boycott measures similar to those in the United States, for fear of endangering oil supplies, said officials monitoring compliance.

Toyota's decision was lauded by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, which issued a statement welcoming the move and calling on other Japanese companies to follow Toyota's lead.

"Efforts by Arab states to enforce the economic boycott of Israel are destructive politically and harmful to the creation of a world market by free trade," said Abraham Foxman, ADL national director.

The American Jewish Committee called the decision "a major breakthrough in efforts to promote free and open trade between Japan and Israel."

The organization said officials of its Pacific Rim Institute would "continue discussions with the Japanese government and industry officials to encourage Japanese investment in Israel as well as the removal of all remaining barriers to mutually beneficial trade relationships."

Toyota officials said the decision to sell cars in Israel was made almost a year ago, but its implementation was delayed because of the Gulf crisis.

The first cars to be shipped to Israel will be the four-door Corolla subcompact, and Toyota hopes to sell 5,000 cars in 1992.

Last year, Israelis bought more than 100,000 new cars.

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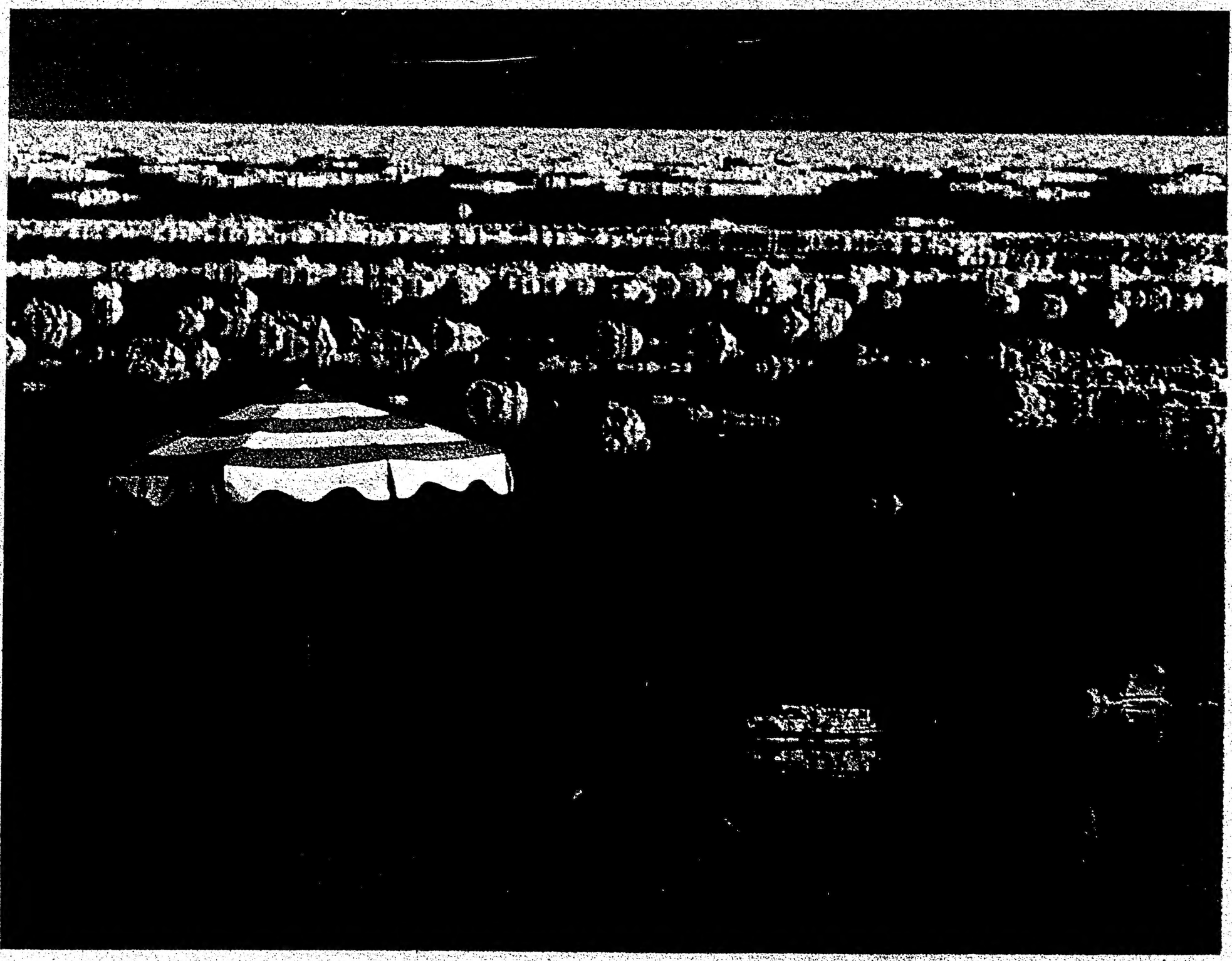

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TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Jerusalem honors celebrities in biblical fashion

By
EHUD KATZ

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— This city boasts a multitude of exotic street names. Everything from The Street of the Valley of Ghosts to the Street of the Prophets, from the Tribes of Israel Street to the Way of the Righteous.

Many of the street names reflect the biblical roots of the Jewish people — King David, King Solomon and the Hasmonean kings all have streets named after them. Even more recent celebrities, such as the 19th century Anglo-Jewish traveller and philanthropist Sir Moses Montefiore, are sometimes honored in a biblical fashion. One of the neighborhoods which he founded and a street in it are called Ohel Moshe (Moses' Tent).

The British mandate also left its mark in King George V Street, a main thoroughfare in the city centre. People working or shopping in the Mahane Yehuda open-air market could be forgiven for thinking that Pri Hadash (New Fruit) Street referred to the produce on sale. In fact it is the name of a book, a commentary on the Shulchan Aruch, written by the 17th century Sephardi sage Rabbi Hezkia da Silva.

This is also true of Mesilat Yesharim (Way of the Righteous) Street, named after a work by the 18th century mystic Rabbi Haim Luzatto. Most names in this category appear in religious neighborhoods, where the book is often known to the residents and the author all but forgotten.

In the Jewish neighborhoods built immediately after the Six-Day War, many street names reflect areas conquered by the Israel Defence Forces such as Golan Heights, Red Sea and Sinai Desert. On the dividing line between the Jewish and Arab sections of the city, Aqabat el-Manzel (Arabic, meaning roughly the Slope which Descends) was changed to Paratroopers Street, after the paratroop brigade which broke into the Old City, ending the division of Jerusalem.

Street names unchanged

By and large, however, the city council decided not to change the street names in the Arab neighborhoods. Arab and Muslim heroes such as Salah e-Din (Saladin), Haroun al-Rashid (the most famous Caliph of Baghdad) and the Caliph Omar Ibn el-Khatib, who captured Jerusalem from the Byzantines in the 7th century but protected the Christian holy places, are all commemorated.

The most famous Christian street in the Old City is, of course, the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Sorrow), through which, according to Christian tradition, Jesus carried the cross on his way to Calvary. This narrow street was recently restored by the Jerusalem municipality, with new drainage installed and ornate paving laid at each of the 16 Stations of the Cross where Jesus is said to have halted.

When the city was reunified in 1967, the municipality was surprised to find that entire Arab neighborhoods had no street names at all. Some of them were villages such as Silwan, A-Tur and Issewiyeh, where such trappings of modern civilization had not been considered necessary. Everybody knew everyone else, and if you were looking for Mahmoud the blacksmith, you just asked.

The municipality decided, however, that the neighborhoods were entitled to modern services, running water, electricity, telephones and regular postal services, and for these purposes the streets had to be named and the houses numbered. In order to choose the names, Mayor Teddy Kollek co-opted onto the municipal street names committee a veteran Arab municipal worker, Salah Jaralla, who had served in the East Jerusalem municipality under Jordanian rule.

Many of Jerusalem's street names are an eductional experience as they often relate to an historical event.

Jaralla's family has lived in the Old City for 800 years. An ancestor entered Jerusalem with the army of Saladin.

"We consulted the mukhtars (headmen) and other influential people in Shu'afat, Bet-Hanina and other Arab neighborhoods, about the personalities whom they wished to honor with street names," Jaralla explained.

"We applied the same criterion as in the Jewish part of the city. If the street is to be named after an individual, he should have had some connection with Jerusalem and have contributed to its history or development."

Among the names chosen were Raghi bin Nashashibi, after one of the mayors of East Jerusalem under the Jordanians. He was an engineer and is remembered for the public works he initiated.

Also honored is a relative of Jaralla, Sheikh Hassan Jaralla, a teacher of Sharia (Islamic law) and Grand Mufti under the Jordanians. In the new street names, Arab scholars, poets and authors predominate. A typical choice is Arazi Street, named after a famous Arab physician.

One of the streets linking east and west Jerusalem is probably unique. Its present name is not remarkable. It is called Jerusalem Brigade Street, after the Israel Army unit that broke into the Old City from the south during the Six-Day War, using this particular route.

What makes it special is that when the troops advanced up the road, it was only the second time it had been used. It had been built early in 1967 by the Israeli authorities for Pope Paul VI to cross from Israel into Jordan, and since the two countries were not at peace, it was never used again — until the war.

When the Pope's visit was being planned, the Israeli government was extremely concerned for his security, and decided that the regular crossing-point, the Mandelbaum Gate, was not safe. A new road from the Valley of Hinnom, round the southern edge of Mt. Zion to the Zion Gate, was built.

Nobody in Israel had the slightest inkling that the road would ever be used again, since nobody knew that the Six-Day War was about to break out. It may well be the only road in the world built for a single journey, and veteran Jerusalemites, with their characteristic conservatism, still call it "the Pope's Road."

COVER PHOTOS

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Then-and-now walk shows changing face of Jerusalem

By
JAMES CAMPBELL

A group participating in photographic walks at Jerusalem's Western Wall gets a topographical explanation from Vivienne Silver.

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Archeological remains of the various periods of Israel's ancient history are clearly evident on both sides of the wall surrounding the Old City of Jerusalem.

Have you ever wondered what visitors to the Holy Land saw when visiting the same sites a century or so ago?

Jerusalem was never the unchanging, eternal city of popular myth, and nothing shows this better than a look at photographs of the city as it was in the 19th century. The development of the camera in the middle of the last century affords us this insight, Vivienne Silver explained, as she takes this writer on a "then-and-now" walk around part of the city.

Silver, who came to Israel from Zimbabwe in 1971, is a photo-historian, the granddaughter of two photographers, and owner of Israel's only photo gallery, the Silver Print Gallery. She collects rare old photographs, selling reproductions of them, and leads groups around the Old City.

Participants in the walk are given old photographs and encouraged to take their shots of the same sight as it is today. Silver also encourages tourists to compile a then-and-now photo album. Personal photos, she claims, are part of history.

"In order to learn about the history of Jerusalem, we are partially reliant on personal snapshots, for today's snapshots are tomorrow's history."

The Silver Print Gallery is a place not only for buying sepia-tone reproductions of old photographs, but also for lectures and seminars on the history of the Land of Israel, as recorded by photographers, and photo-history. Silver says that lectures of this kind are partially suitable for youth groups and are a good follow-up to the tour.

The walk, which is led in either English or Hebrew, takes between two and four hours of easy walking, but the tour can be left at any point. It starts at the Dung Gate, continues towards the Western Wall, where Silver shows picturesque photos of an Arab grazing sheep in front of Robinson's Arch, and then up through the Jewish Quarter.

The reconstructed arch of the Hurva synagogue finally falls into place as part of the support of the synagogue's dome. Out through the Zion Gate and along the side of the Dormition Abbey, the tour suddenly comes out at the top of Mount Zion, where looking down one can see Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the first Jewish settlement built outside the Old City walls.

The enclosed atmosphere of the Old City and the open spaces beyond the wall allow the modern tourist to feel some of what the first Jews to settle outside the wall must have felt. A picture of a similar view from the 1860s shows Sir Moses Montefiore's windmill without its blades.

The walk continues through Sultan's Pool and back up to the Jaffa Gate; along the ramparts of the Old City and past the Christian and Arab quarters to the Damascus Gate.

Silver's tour also records the history of the development of the camera. The first photographers used heavy and cumbersome equipment; dust was a great enemy of their glass plates and their chemicals sometimes boiled over in the heat. On occasion they would have stones thrown at them by a suspicious local population, and could often only take two or three photographs a day.

When George Eastman developed the first automatic box camera in 1988, tourists were suddenly able to take pictures with ease and take home a personal memento of their trip to the Holy Land.

As the early photographers mainly took pictures that would appeal to the Christian market, there are few old photographs of the Jewish Quarter and even fewer of Jews. Christians tended to find the Muslim, in his exotic Eastern garb, to be closer to their image of the Bible than the Jews from eastern Europe. These photographers tend to reinforce stereotypes of the Jew.

The changes in the landscapes and skylines are important for historians and the different costumes worn from the middle of the last century to the first decades of this century testify to the changing mores of these turbulent decades in Israel's pre-state history.

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Eliezer Ben Yehuda, immersed in books during the preparation of the first modern Hebrew dictionary.

Made Hebrew modern language

Ben Yehuda once seen as odd

By CAROL NOVIS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Today, Hebrew is naturally accepted as the popularly spoken language of Israel, and Eliezer Ben Yehuda as the visionary pioneer who introduced Hebrew to the vernacular. Virtually every city and town in Israel boasts a Ben Yehuda street to commemorate the man whose genius made him the first to recognize that a nation must have a language as well as a land.

But it wasn't always so.

A hundred years ago, Eliezer Ben Yehuda was considered by the people of the Holy Land to be a crazy zealot, whose ideas were dangerous as well as odd. Most of his fellow Jews shunned him because they believed that Hebrew should be a holy language only. His children were ostracized. His family almost starved; his first wife and most of his children sickened and died.

Still, he persisted. No member of his family was allowed to utter a word other than in Hebrew — even though no one else could understand them — in order to prove that Hebrew could be a living language.

The person who bore the brunt of Ben Yehuda's experimental zeal was his eldest son Itamar, the first child in the land of Israel to speak Hebrew as a day-to-day language.

Itamar's story, which is also the story of the introduction of Hebrew as a modern language, is told in one of the best loved books of Israeli children's literature, Habachor B'Beit Avi (E.B.Y.) by Dvorah Omer. The title is difficult to translate because it contains a play on words, but roughly it means The First Born to the House of E.B.Y. (My Father).

Omer's books are to Israeli children what Louisa May Alcott's and L.M. Montgomery's are to North American children. They are almost universally read and beloved. Omer herself is so well known to Israeli readers that in a 1989 survey by the Hadashot newspaper, she was voted by readers one of the most outstanding Israelis in their field since the establishment of the State.

Retains freshness, appeal

Now in its 22nd edition, Habachor B'Beit Avi has won the respected Lamdan prize for Hebrew literature and is regarded as an Israeli children's classic Although the book was first published more than 20 years ago, it retains its freshness and appeal.

Omer was one of the first to tell the story of the struggle to establish the Hebrew language in Israel.

Ben Yehuda (born Eliezer Perlman in Lithuania) came to Palestine in 1881 convinced that Hebrew should be revived as the language of the Jews in their own land. Not a mere theoretician, he ruled that in his own household, no word other than Hebrew be heard, and he devoted much of his life to the compilation of a multi-volumed modern Hebrew dictionary.

Until Omer wrote her biography, the dark side of his passion and its effect on his children was little known.

"Like almost everyone else in Israel, I thought of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, when I thought of him at all, in terms of a popular song at the time, Eliezer Ben Yehuda, crazy, crazy, crazy for Hebrew, or I thought of the streets named after him, or his dictionary. I never considered his life story interesting.

"One night we happened to attend an interview program, and the host introduced Ehud, the son of Eliezer Ben Yehuda. The whole audience groaned. he seemed very old and boring as he walked up to the stage. If I hadn't been in the front row, I would have walked out. But as he told the story of his childhood, the audience was mesmerized.

"I said to myself, 'how is this possible? I am a third generation Israeli and I have never heard these stories.' I saw that Hebrew speakers had little knowledge of who Eliezer Ben Yehuda was. I had to hear more so I met him again, wrote an article and eventually a book."

Told through the eyes of Ben Yehuda's eldest son Itamar, the book tells the painful story of the mental and physical anguish his family suffered as a result of the determination to speak only Hebrew.

Omer describes Itamar's feelings when neighborhood children were forbidden by their parents to play with him or even speak to him. In one incident, his pet dog was stoned and killed by unthinking children.

"I often get letters from children saying that they cried when they read the book. I answer, I cried when I wrote the book. As a mother, it was very painful for me to tell the truth about children suffering. I hated Eliezer Ben Yehuda at times.

"After I finished the book, I gave it to Ehud Ben Yehuda to read with trepidation, because I had been critical of his father. He told me, 'Dvorah, he was worse. He never explained to us children why he was doing all of this to us.'

"I see Ben Yehuda as an extremist, but when we look at the pioneers of that generation, they were all extremists. Their values were primary; they were like Abraham sacrificing Isaac, except that an angel didn't come to the rescue. Think of Theodor Herzl. One of his children committed suicide, another was mentally ill, one died from drugs, and perhaps his mision may have been a contributing factor. But without Herzl would we have had a Jewish state?

"I don't judge Ben Yehuda, because through him we achieved the modern Hebrew language. Ben Yehuda sincerely believed he was fighting a war for Hebrew and his son was on the front line. His story reminds me of the works of the prophet Jeremiah: 'Then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I weary myself to hold it in, but cannot.'"

Culture, creativity centre plans event for Toronto

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO — Developments for the Centre of Jewish Culture and Creativity are proceeding in New York and California, says Cantor Ben Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple.

He added that while there has been little progress in Toronto as of yet, plans are moving forward. In fact, Maissner said, Centre president John Rauch is scheduled to visit Toronto this May to generate interest in the Centre.

Headquartered in Beverly Hills, Calif., the Centre will bring together world-class artistic and Judaic scholars and talented young Jews in a forum designed to make young artists cognizant of the character, customs and traditions that uniquely distinguish the faith.

Through this interaction, the centre hopes to inspire the production of cultural works that will help ensure the future of the Jewish people as a living civilization.

Maissner explained that the Centre is actually a network of Jewish artists rather than a physical building. He said the money that would normally be spent on construction will be spent on promoting the organization.

Two events have been planned for this winter. In October, Maissner will perform with the Dresdner Kreuzchor and the Dresdnor Philharmonie.

Cantor Benjamin Maissner will help co-ordinate the start-up of the Jewish cultural group in Toronto.

The troupe will kick-off a North American tour by performing its first concert at Holy Blossom Temple. Other performances will take place in the Music Academy in Philadelphia and Carnegie Hall in New York, to name a few.

In Israel, seminars in the form of workshops will be held throughout December.

The Centre will seek out individuals aged 18 to 35 who are motivated, creative and sufficiently accomplished to benefit from a high level of instruction and discussion that will make up the workshops. Maissner said that those interested must fill out a formal application.

Origin, background, affiliation and prior commitment to Judaism will not be determining factors. One of the goals is to reach young Jews who "otherwise might have severed contact with their heritage and national potential."

Maissner said that while the organization has been given some exposure in certain concerts, no formal fund-raising efforts have been implemented.

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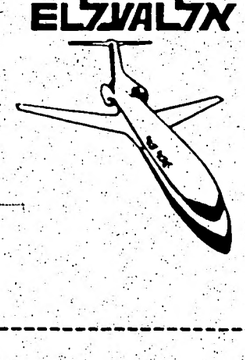

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Anne Ticho remembered

Artist loved Judean landscape

By DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — A large signed lithograph depicting the Judean Hills hangs in this writer's lounge in Jerusalem.

In the lower right-hand corner a tiny, modest signature identifies it as the work of A. Ticho. Although it is rendered in charcoal, the light and shade give a feeling of boundless space.

This is one of the many works of the late Jerusalem artist Anna Ticho, who portrayed so prolifically the hills and wadis of the Judean landscape and the stone terraces and houses to which they cling.

Her landscapes, denuded of human figures, are a visible history of eternal erosion and abandonment and nearly all her work centres on these bare hills. Her pictures evoke the smell of thyme and rosemary; hear the wind sighing in the pine trees and through the skeletal branches of a tree in winter.

Anna Ticho was born in Brunn, Austria in 1894 and spent her childhood in Vienna. She had her first drawing lesson when she was 12, and began studying art seriously at 15. When she was 18, she followed her cousin and sweetheart, Dr. Avraham Albert Ticho, an ophthalmologist, to Jerusalem where he had been sent by Frankfurt-based Lema'an Zion (For the Sake of Zion) to open an eye clinic for Jewish and Arab citizens. They were married in 1912 shortly after their arrival.

Jerusalem's barren hills had such an overpowering effect on the young girl that for a number of years she could not paint at all. Only while she was in Damascus, where her husband was stationed during the First World War, could she begin to paint again.

The Tichos returned to Jerusalem in 1924 and bought a house there. The lower storey was used as an eye clinic, where Ticho assisted her husband. But she was drawn by the magnetism of the Jerusalem countryside and would make lone forays with her sketch book.

As well as the town house, the Tichos bought a house in the village of Motza, in the hills to the west of Jerusalem, and from here she would draw her beloved hills. She also had the use of a friend's house in Jericho.

Ticho never felt truly comfortable with color and most of her work is in charcoal. She did do some watercolors — mostly delightful still-life bouquets of flowers — but when she ventured into oils, the color was subdued almost to the point of monochrome.

After her husband died in 1960, Ticho continued painting for another 20 years, mainly in her studio due to her own advancing years. She experimented more with color at the end of her life — not the fresh transparent watercolor of her flowerscapes, but a narrow, subdued range of tones produced with a few shades of chalk. She also began doing paintings of the desert, bathed in soft, yellow light.

During her lifetime, Ticho made frequent trips to Europe and America and held major solo exhibitions in leading galleries in Israel as well as in Amsterdam, Baltimore, Chicago, Rotterdam, New York and Oxford. Her work is represented in prestigious collections all over the world. She was awarded the Art Prize of the City of Jerusalem in 1965, honorary citizenship of the city in 1970 and in 1980, just prior to her death, she won the coveted Israel Prize.

Situated in HaRav Kook Street in the centre of town, Ticho's home, during her lifetime, became the favored salon of the artistic and literary community of the city. On her death, she bequeathed her house, along with her art collections and library, to the people of Jerusalem as a token of her love for the city. Administered by the Israel Museum, Ticho House has a restaurant, a gallery of her paintings and drawings, a shop, and a garden that is often the venue of twilight concerts.

But what Anna Ticho really bequeathed Israelis was the character of the Jerusalem landscape, with which she fell in love eight decades ago. Through her eyes, we can enjoy the dignity and grandeur of the timeless Judean hills, unchanged and unchanging.

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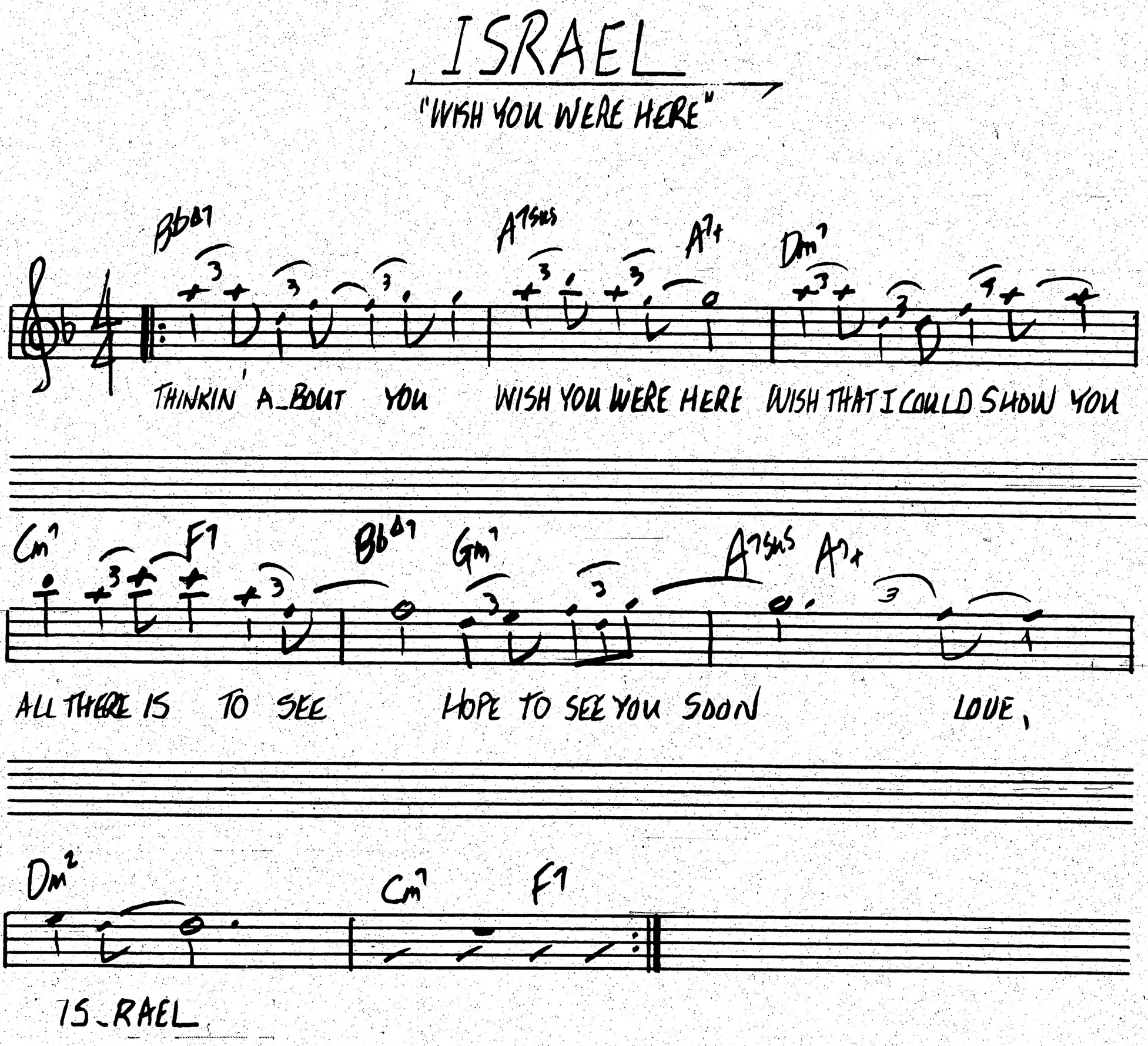

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El Al reduces fares

Israel tourism industry on rebound after Gulf War

TORONTO –

As summer approaches, Israel's tourism industry is once again beginning to blossom. European flights have resumed after the Gulf crisis, bookings are being made and although traffic is not yet in full bloom, there are a number of positive signs, says the director of the Israeli Government Tourist Office.

Last year was a huge disappointment within the travel industry, said Yehuda Shen.

The first seven months of 1990 saw 24,000 Canadian visitors in Israel, a record-setting period appearing to rival even 1985. However, after the invasion of Kuwait, only 8,000 individuals arrived during the last five months.

Among the successful trips in 1990 was a group of rabbis who travelled to Israel in November. Among them were Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefilah, Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David, Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel, Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec and Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah, all of whom are in the process of putting together groups to Israel

Plaudits to Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Synagogue who departed May 1 for Israel with 40 congregants, Shen said.

In Montreal, the Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS) is working towards a venture. The Mizrachi organization travelled to Israel shortly before the outbreak of the war, "their dedication never wavering," Shen said.

He added that El Al Airlines, the national carrier of Israel, never cancelled their flights or compromised their service. In fact, he said, in a bid to restore 1991 tourism to record proportions, El Al announced the last week of April that it will substantially reduce its fares to Israel from Toronto and Montreal.

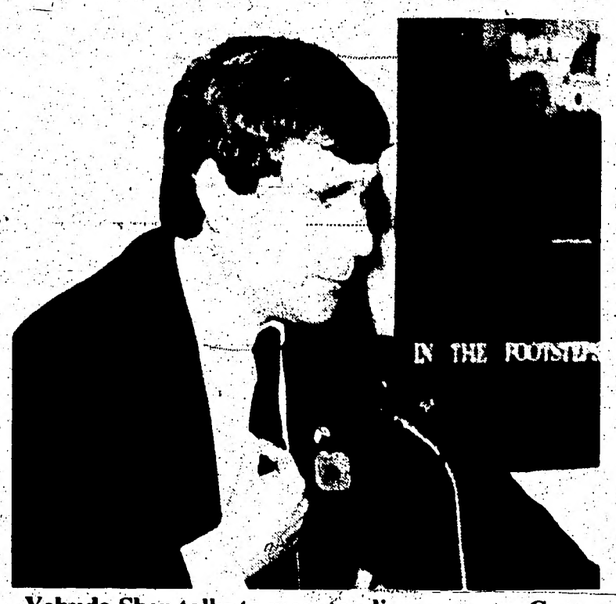
"The demands of the market are starting to be met. This overhaul in prices will work to narrow the gap between those of El Al and those of the European carriers. It will also increase competition within the industry.

Shen said he has always encouraged healthy competition, and the lowering of El Al fares is one favorable outcome.

"Although we work hand-in-hand with our national carrier, we are always trying to introduce new elements into the picture too. It pushes everyone to achieve greater potential in tourist numbers."

The Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al Airlines are also hoping to counter the effects of the Canadian recession by increasing activities for travel agents in addition to going directly to the consumer.

For instance, the Israel Government Tourist office and El Al recently held a series of five seminars for travel agents across Canada, with the highest attendence ever seen, Shen said.



Yehuda Shen talks to many audiences across Canada to tell them about Israel.

In Toronto alone, 320 agents gathered to learn how to sell the destination. Also in May, a series of product seminars, in conjunction with Diamond Tours & Safaris, will be held across Western Ontario. In addition, a number of workshops for clergy are planned for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Several journalists are being sent to Israel in the coming months to write articles for the public. A meeting of the Society of American Travel Writers has almost been finalized for November 1991 with about 40 travel writers from the Canadian chapter participating.

In the meantime, the editor of Homes Magazine, Charles Litman, will be visiting Israel in June. He will begin negotiations to take between 500 and 1,000 passengers to Israel in 1993 for the annual convention of the Ontario Home Builders Association.

"We are aiming to bring back the fragile, non-classic markets such as corporate incentives, health (spas) tours and conferences. In the traditional ethnic markets we are doing well. For example, Vision Television will be accompanying the Feast of Tabernacles procession from Canada to produce a series for Channel 28. Overall the Christian market is strong. Autumn looks very good, especially from Western Canada," Shen said.

As the seasons move on, the memories of 1990 will be left behind and Canadian tourism to Israel will once again flourish, he added.

"The Israel Government Tourist Office is always ready to provide assistance and information to anyone interested in experiencing Israel, be they individuals or groups. And for the Jewish community, a special reminder ... a trip to Israel has much more to offer than Florida or the Caribbean: value for the dollar, emotional ties, and of course, a chance to support Israel," Shen said.

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Paving the way for better roads

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM(WZPS)—Despite its elevated status, Jerusalem is not immune from mundane problems like traffic congestion.

While the flow of vehicles in Israel's capital is not as heavy as in London, New York or even Tel Aviv, the Holy City is nevertheless confronted with a range of unique problems as it sets about building a network of highways fit for the 21st century.

In the first place, new highways must not violate the city's delicate religious, ethnic and political sensitivites, as was the case some 10 years ago with the road to the northwestern suburb of Ramot. The ultra-Orthodox community felt that the thoroughfare passed too close to the religious neighborhood of Sanhedria, and, consequently, motorists using this route on the Sabbath were the targets of stone-throwing ultra-Orthodox demonstrators.

Another controversy was the highway to Ma'ale Adumim, southeast of Jerusalem. For several years Mayor Teddy Kollek refused to agree to the construction of the section of the highway leading into Jerusalem because he disagreed with the Likud's policy of building outer metropolitan suburbs like Ma'ale Adumim, which are beyond Jerusalem's city limits.

The new section of Highway Number One between French Hill and the city centre, which is currently nearing completion, was held up by opponents for more than 20 years. Many felt that the route of the road, which straddles the pre-1967 division of the city, would be a reminder of where the wall once stood.

In addition to these sensitivities, Jerusalem's topographical and geological location makes road-building an expensive business. Roads must wind their way around hillsides or be blasted through the mountainside. Digging through solid rock to lay water, sewage and electricity infrastructures is also expensive.

Esthetic considerations also add to costs, as with the highway linking Ramot to the western entrance of the city and the new road skirting Beit Hakerem, which have been neatly terraced into the hillside. Rafi Davara, adviser to Mayor Kollek, once estimated that metre for metre new highways in Jerusalem cost five times that of Tel Aviv.

Itche Gur, spokesman for the Jerusalem Development Authority, which is responsible for implementing the city's highway blueprint, said that on top of these problems, "there are the universal problems: traffic bottlenecks which can choke the city, especially during peak hours, and road accidents.

"Residents, of course, are eager to see new highways that overcome these problems but are reluctant to have them built near their own homes. Environmentalists, too, are lobbying increasingly against proposed roads that cut across rural land."

To combat ever longer and more frustrating traffic jams, the Jerusalem Municipality has drawn up a master plan for the city's needs in the year 2010. The most controversial proposals in this comprehensive plan were the construction of Highway Four and Highway One, each of them cutting a swathe through the city from north to south.

Opponents of the plan consider it too grandiose and insensitive to Jerusalem. Modern highways with complex interchanges, they argue, would not be in harmony with the unique nature of Jerusalem. Proponents of this view suggest that alternative solutions be sought which involve banning cars from certain areas, such as the city centre, and improving public transport facilities.

Cambridge Systematics Inc. in the United States sent transportation analysis to investigate the master plan, and the consensus was that the plan is over-ambitious. They recommend that Highways One and Four should indeed be constructed, but scaled down to a six-lane highway with junctions and traffic lights rather than interchanges. At the same time, they recommended scrapping an alternative entrance to the city from Tel Aviv through Moshav Bet Zeit, located in the Judean hills just outside Jerusalem.

"But overall, Cambridge Systematics made only small changes to the master plan. They found that the basic model was sound, effective and efficient," Gur said.

Critics of the plan point out that Cambridge Systematics only explored different highway options. No attempt was made to consider and evaluate more radical alternatives, such as improved public transport services.

Gur, however, said that it is not realistic to ask Jerusalemites to abandon their cars when the capital has enough difficulty keeping its populace from leaving for the coastal plain. But Jerusalem's relative lack of affluence (the average salary in the Tel Aviv area is more than double the average Jerusalem salary), is a blessing rather than a curse from a traffic control point of view, for Jerusalem's 500,000 inhabitants have only 119 cars per 1,000 residents compared to double that amount in Tel Aviv.

But by the year 2010, it is estimated that car ownership in the capital will reach 205 cars per 1,000 inhabitants, and the current massive influx of Soviet Jewish immigrants can only accelerate those figures.

So as a new century draws near, it seems that the heart of Jerusalem, with its narrow, crooked alleyways, will survive unscathed. But the periphery of the growing city, like all urban landscapes in the developed world, will bow to bulldozers razing the land for broad highways that will serve as vitally needed arteries.

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By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There's nothing like cleaning gun turret heat shields of Merkava tanks for eight hours a day to get a feeling of being close to the action.

At least that's the way 58-year-old Mickey Oberman of Toronto felt during his Volunteers for Israel stint at the a tank army base.

Oberman has a desk job in Toronto as a freelance title searcher. "But in Israel I was on my feet all the time and at the end of the day I was happy to collapse," he said. "My legs still hurt."

Heather Scott, a non-Jew, was at the same base, cleaning fibre glass ammunition holders for the tanks.

"I am convinced that in the West we only hear about a fraction of the violent incidents committed by Arabs against Israelis and the state of Israel," Scott told The CJN. "One day we were told of terrorists from Jordan who had come across the border and murdered a kibbutz worker before being caught. In another instance a man was pacing back and forth in front of the main post office in Tel Aviv when an employee noticed and called police. The man was taken in for questioning and a knife was found on him. He told the police that he 'just wanted to kill a Jew.'"

A highlight of her stay was the accidental reunion, at the base, of two male cousins from Holland, who had not seen each other for 45 years. They had separated the night of Simchat Torah when they were warned not to go to the synagogue and had not been able to find each other since.

Linda Morganstein of Toronto was with a group of Canadian volunteers who landed New Year's eve and on Jan. 18 were herded into a sealed room at an army medical supply base. There were 19 Scud missile attacks in 10 days.

"One landed so close to us that we could feel the vibrations from the explosion and the plastic strips around the doors and windows puffed out from the force."

She told The CJN about her trip in the kitchen of her home on Beaver Valley Road in Bathurst Manor. Outside, in the warm Spring sunshine, children were playing in the street, a scene far removed from the Gulf War.

Morganstein, a cake ar-

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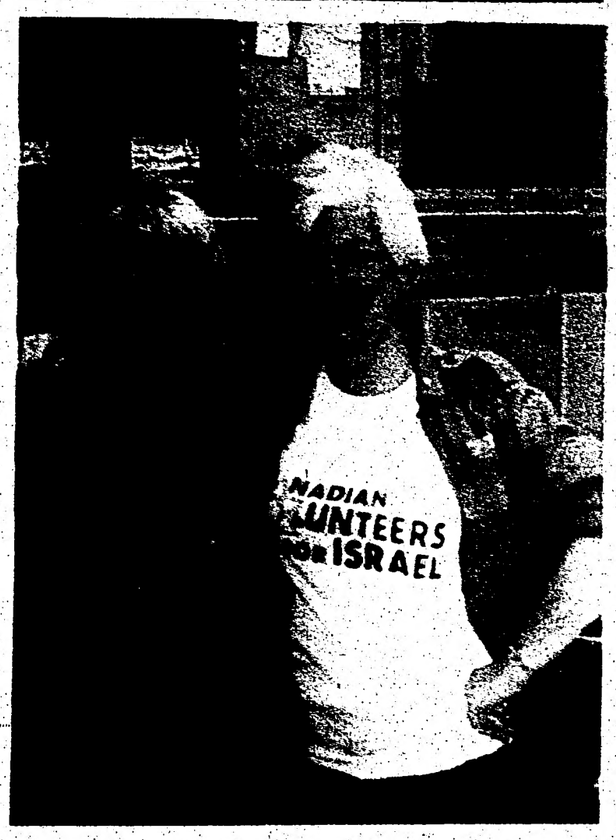
Pictured here are some of the people who took part in the Volunteers for Israel '91 program. Above is Rebecca Scheinman; (right photo) Linda Morganstein (right) and Zina Koenigsberg.



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. . .to see what life's really like under an attack

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tist, was repacking medical kits on the base. As soon as the Scud attacks started, penicillin became the priority, and soldiers were brought in to help. "We packed 5,000,000 bags of penicillin pills in three days," she said.

During that frantic time, 3-star generals, in their shirt sleeves, were also helping, sitting next to privates. "It could only happen in Israel," Morganstein commented.

For her the most significant moment came when, suddenly, during an unexpected lull in the noise all around them, a young soldier's sweet voice was heard singing a song about peace.

Morganstein wants to make aliyah in two years, but even before that intends to go to Israel as a volunteer again in January.

Though he arrived while Scuds were falling on Israel, 26-year-old David Goldman, of Toronto, a clothing salesman, was disappointed to be sent to a kibbutz to pick bananas and work in a pipe factory.

"But I was glad to do what I could," he said. "I was with my own people."

It was his fifth time in Israel and he is going back again as a volunteer in November.

Adam Day, 21, of Toronto, a second-year student in the Ryerson School of Business, and his friend, Steve Baker, of Toronto, worked at a large ammunition depot. "I was a mechanic in the motor pool. I worked on jeeps, tractors and fork lifts."

Day plans to go back to Israel in June, attend an Ulpan and possibly work there for a year. "If I like it, I'll stay on."

Just prior to Denia and Martin Clenman landing at Ben Gurion airport Feb. 18, a Scud missile was intercepted by a Patriot defender and some of the debris fell near the airport. It was a warmer welcome than they wanted.

They worked at an army tank base in the north, along with eight other Canadians. Though he is a classical pianist, Clenman, 69, is an expert on home repairs and his first job was to plaster a wall. At other times he was cleaning, oiling and replacing parts for guns.

His wife, a writer, was assigned to communications and was cleaning antennas and radio transmission equipment. When required, they volunteered for kitchen duty, and set tables, washed floors, and dishes.

"I can write cheques for modest amounts for Israel but nothing compares with going there as a volunteer," said Clenman. "I would like to do it again."

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Programs are providing training...

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Many of Israel's summer learning programs offer activities such as archeological digs like this one at Ben-Gurion University.

TORONTO — While summer programming in Israel for young people has yet to return to its pre-war level, nevertheless there is still plenty for the late teenager and university-age person to choose from.

The International Centre for Jewish Leadership is running a six-week summer leadership training program for students from the United States, Canada and England.

The program aims to prepare young people from various campus groups for leadership roles in their organizations.

Leadership skills development, Jewish thought and practice, and a thorough knowledge of Israeli current affairs, especially the background and politics surrounding the Arab-Israeli conflict are included in the curriculum.

Participants get to meet political analysts, rabbinical scholars and what a media release describes as "decision makers."

The program this year runs from July 3 to Aug. 13.

Successful candidates are eligible for a $2,000 scholarship, which brings the cost down to a very reasonable $950 (U.S. funds).

For more information, contact the centre at (416)783-1165.

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is sponsoring the Israel Summer Seminar from July 8 to Aug. 12.

Youngsters from 15 to 18 will tour Israel from a Torah perspective, guided by Canadian and Israeli NCSY staff.

The itinerary includes such places as the Kotel and the Museum of the Diaspora, as well as opportunities for sports.

Cost is $3,350 (Canadian funds).

For more information, contact your local NCSY chapter or office.

Canadian Volunteers for Israel will be continuing their year-long programs. For more information, call 781-6089.

The Youth to Youth Exchange Program between Canada and Israel sponsored by United Israel Appeal of Canada accepts teenagers between 15 and 18 years of age residing in Canadian cities twinned with the Project Renewal community of Or Yehuda.

This includes Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Halifax and the smaller communities of Ontario and Atlantic regions.

The three-week trip will run between Aug. 7 and Aug. 28. Cost is $1,850 (Canadian funds).

Participants will stay with families in Or Yehuda, and will be involved in a work project there, which they will undertake together with teenagers from the town.

Together with local teenagers, they will tour Israel, including Jerusalem, Golan Heights, Tel Aviv, Yad Vashem, Massada, and other places "in a program specifically tailored to meet th objectives of the Youth to Youth Exchange Program.

There will be educational seminars and discussons, as well as an opportunity to meet Soviet olim arriving in Israel.

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Some Israeli universities are also offering summer programs.

From July 3 to Aug. 4, the Weizmann Institute of Science is running the 23rd International Summer Science Institute on its campus in Rehovot.

Seven Canadian science students, as well as 75 from around the world will work alongside top researchers.

The program, conducted in English, focuses on current research topics in such areas as the fight against disease, environmental problems, alternative energy sources and advanced technology.

After three weeks on campus, the group moves to a field school in the Negev.

For more information, contact The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, 45 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 218, North York, Ont. M2N 5W9, or telephone 733-9220.

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem offers several courses during the summer, operated through the Rothberg School for Overseas Students.

Its summer ulpan is an intensive, two-month course designed to prepare candidates to study at the university.

The courses concentrate on specific language skills and terminology, and place particular emphasis on the reading of journal articles and scientific texts.

Summer courses designed primarily for students visiting Israel during July and August are offered in Hebrew.

The six-week sessions include courses in archeology, architecture, Jewish studies and comparative religion and Middle East studies.

For more information, contact Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, 3080 Yonge St., Suite 5204, Toronto M4N 3P4, or telephone 485-8000.

Haifa University is offering an intensive summer ulpan from July 22 to Sept. 19 through its department of overseas programs.

There are six different Hebrew levels, ranging from elementary to advanced.

One day a week is reserved for field trips, at a slight extra cost.

Participants may live in dormitories.

Cost of the ulpan is $700, with an extra $150 for field trips and incidental fees.

Contact Friends of Haifa University, 1110 Finch Ave. W., Suite 510, Downsview, M3J 2T2, or telephone 665-4462.

Academic courses

An unusual program offered by Haifa University centre for maritime studies is a four-week program for English-speaking students called Seaborne Summer School.

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For more information contact Sarah Arenson, Program Director, Man and the Sea Society, 8 Calaniyot St., Tivon 3600, Israel.

For the really adventurous, there is Ben Gurion University of the Negev's Land of Gerar archeological project.

This project concentrates on the environment, history and archeology of the western Negev.

The academic program combines field experience with a course in the history and archeology of ancient Israel.

There will be two session, one from July 7 - July 19 and one from July 21 to Aug.2.

Participants will stay at Eshel Hanassi agricultural school, where recreation facilities, including a swimming pool, are available.

Room and board for two weeks is $400, with a $50 registration fee.

For more information contact Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University, 1000 Finch Ave. W., Suite 506, Downsview, M3J 2E7.

Since 1956, B'nai Brith Youth Organization has offered its Israel Summer Institute.

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Activities may include archeological digs, snorkeling, camping and hiking, or a trip to Poland and Hungary.

There is also touring in Israel, a week on a moshav or kibbutz and a home hospitality weekend with the family of an Israeli member of BBYO.

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Jonathon Mendlesohn of Halifax, Nova Scotia, tests out a shofar in the shuk (market) in Jerusalem.

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Successful missions for Canadian exporters

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Planning business missions to Israel is Danny Fleishman's business.

As executive director of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce (CICC), he is responsible for encouraging and facilitating business linkages between the two countries.

In fact, the group's last mission — a nine-day trip last fall arranged for Canadian exporters — was supported by the Middle East Trade Development Division of External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

The positive response from that mission's participants has helped speed trade promotion activities organized by the Canadian government.

For the past few months, three participants have been negotiating with the contacts they were able to establish while there.

Where do these negotiations stand today?

For Frank Szuster, owner and president of Orlux Engineering & Instrumentation, negotiations are on-going.

Szuster, who voiced enthusiasm about the reception of Canadian businessmen by the Israelis, said that it will be tough for his small company to penetrate the market alone.

He said that his company, which manufactures medical accessories, is trying to join forces with an Israeli firm that will act as a middleman. This firm will sell the product and establish more contacts with Israeli companies.

Szuster said he hopes to generate between $50,000 and $100,000 in the first year of operating in Israel.

Szuster left behind samples valued at between $10,000 to $20,000 to illustrate his serious intentions of establishing an Israeli contact.

He said that in the next three or four months, he hopes to negotiate a deal that will see his product distributed in Israel.

Szuster said that his motivation to export to Israel is based on a strong business sense, but it also stems from his desire to support Israel.

Abe Gitalis, owner and president of Abe Gitalis Real Estate Ltd., also participated in the fall mission.

He said he joined the trip to sell a computer program, called Credo, that he has designed specifically for a realtor's office.

Rules set

Unfortunately, Israel's real estate industry is not sufficiently developed to use such a system, he said, adding the industry is roughly 20 years behind Canada's.

Despite the fact that he was unable to sell his program, Gitalis said the trip still proved fruitful as he served as a consultant explaining how the Canadian system was developed.

In Jerusalem, Gitalis met with Benny Loval of Anglo-Saxon Real Estate. This meeting proved to be beneficial to both parties. Loval has established a board, modelled after the Toronto Real Estate Board, that is presently setting down rules and guidelines for the real estate industry in Israel.

Housing shortage

Eventually, Gitalis said this operating board will implement an on-line system that will be available to all realtors in Israel. They will then have complete access to all listings in each region.

Gitalis said that although this process will be slow, his Credo program will be introduced into the system in a few years time. In the meantime, while still acting as a consultant, Gitalis is working to channel Canadian investors who want to purchase property in Israel.

Gitalis said that he was surprised at the amount of construction that is being conducted in all sectors. With the exception of the tourism industry, business in Israel is excellent, he added.

Jeffrey Seider holds the rights to sell to the Israeli market a housing industry product developed by Dofasco Inc. The Moducan Building System is a fast, effective and efficient way to construct housing, he said.

Prior to the mission, Seider focused on three objectives: to establish a manufacturing operation in Israel, to market the product, and to co-ordinate contractors who will bid on various developments.

Seider's goal on joining the mission was to find some way of introducing the structural stud system into the Israeli construction industry.

Seider was quick to point out that he did not arrive in Israel boasting a solution to the housing shortage, but rather suggesting a technique that would lead to an effective and efficient building system.

He said that business went "unbelievably well ... beyond my expectations."

Seider said that he had thoroughly researched a number of companies that might be interested in his product before he left. This, combined with the contacts set up for him by the leaders of the mission, meant many positive and encouraging meetings.

So far, there have been a number of developers who have expressed interest in the product and negotiations are in the works. However, Seider stressed that as the company wants to invest in Israel for the long run, it does not want to get into an exporting situation.

While Moducan wants to establish a manufacturing centre in Israel, it will export the know-how and the machinery needed to begin successful operations, Seider said.

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MEDICAL PERFECTION

Mitchell Schwaber, a final year medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, chose to do his electives at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Israeli soldier recalls Six Day War experience

By
AVA CARMEL

JERUSALEM(WZPS)—"War is a terrible thing, but the Six Day War influenced me, in a positive way, like no other event in my life," admitted Yossi Naiman.

We are sitting in the apartment of Ilan Yedidia, a 48-year-old member of Kibbutz Hamadiya, situated in the Bet Shean Valley. Yossi, Ilan and Shlomo Margelit grew up together in Kiryat Haim, a suburb of Haifa and joined the kibbutz together with a Nahal group. (Nahal is a special compulsory service which comprises military training and duty with agricultural work at border outposts and settlements.) During the Six Day War, all three of them were called up and fought in the battle for Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem. Margelit was killed on the first day, while trying to tourniquet a wounded man's arm.

Yedidia continued: "We were supposed to parachute into Rafiah, but at the last minute we were transported to Jerusalem, where there was heavy Jordanian shelling. While we were firing mortars on Ammunition Hill, a shell fell in the middle of our group. I didn't even hear it coming. Boom! That's all.

"Darkness, smoke and screaming. Two men were killed. Then another shell fell, killing six and wounding five.

"I was hit by shrapnel in both hands and my leg and evacuated by jeep. In the emergency room of the hospital, the nurse asked how I felt. 'Lousy,' I replied. 'I didn't get a chance to do anything.' " Now, 23 years later, this frustration is still evident as Ilan listens to Yossi's story.

"I fought in the same battle," Yossi began. "We were getting our mortars ready. Suddenly we heard a whistling sound and we were ordered to hit the dirt. For most of us, it was the first time in our lives we had ever heard real shelling. If a shell falls very close to you, there is a split second before it explodes, when you can feel it in the air. It creates a tangible vacuum. It's very frightening. For me, that moment was the turning point between a trained soldier and one going into battle.

"The second day we were fighting at Mount Scopus when I saw movement into the Old City and I soon found myself in a throng of excited soldiers rushing toward the Temple Mount. Everyone realized what an historic moment this was and we began to run.

"As we approached the Temple Mount, we suddenly noticed a tiny section of the golden roof of the Mosque of Omar lift up, and a soldier stuck his head out and raised an Israeli flag. Soldiers began crowding into the narrow space beside the Western Wall, tears pouring down their faces with emotion. Helmets were removed as a sign of respect, but within 20 minutes, members of the Head Rabbinate appeared and started yelling at us to put our helmets back on. They were furious.

"Members of Etzel (a right-wing underground fighting force in pre-state Israel), who had fought in Jerusalem during the War of Independence must have been waiting for the outcome of the battle, for they, too, suddenly appeared, jumping on us, hugging and kissing us. It was insanity, a moment of returning to our sources.

"In the evening we returned to West Jerusalem. Everyone was celebrating and all the girls in the street began to kiss us. We went wild, letting out all our pent-up emotions.

"For two years before the war I had been a tour guide in Jerusalem and at the end of every tour I had gone into the Hospice of Notre Dame to gaze down on the Old City. It had always seemed so inaccessible and I never in my life imagined that I would walk through its alleyways. Being one of the first ones to enter the Old City was a very special, almost primordial feeling. I am not a sentimental person, but when I hear the song, Jerusalem of Gold, I break down and cry. It was our battle hymn.

"The next day we were sent to fight on the Golan Heights. It was so strange, sitting on a bus, going off to battle, yet feeling like a schoolboy on an outing. Everyone along the way must have known that we were the ones who had recaptured Jerusalem for they threw us bottles of wine. A sign on the front of our bus read, 'Jerusalem is unified — now on to the Golan Heights!'

"I was in a helicopter which had just taken off, when an announcement came over the loudspeaker that the war was over. It was so sudden. Everyone on board began to leap about and shout. That was the end of it."

After the war, Yedidia married Shlomo's pregnant widow, Yael, and they had two more children.

"Every year on Jerusalem Day, we take the children to Ammunition Hill for the Remembrance Service. We also tour the city, and see something new every time. Jerusalem has become part of our lives."

Various on-going missions planned

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As far as investing in Israel is concerned, in every sector there are phenomenal opportunities available, Seider said.

What began for him as an emotional involvement tranformed into a money-making venture as well.

He said that people can not invest in Israel simply to make themselves feel good inside. Ultimately, there has to be a mutual benefit for both parties.

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Practice catching on in Israel

Disabled kids attend regular school

By SALLY BERKOVIC

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— In many Jewish kindergartens throughout the world, Friday afternoons find four-year-old girls playing *imma* (mother) and lighting candles, while four year old boys play *abba* (father) and recite the kiddush.

However, at Gan Harmony in Jerusalem, there is an added dimension to experimental education. Michal, the *imma*, has Downs Syndrome and Yoav, the *abba*, is a child without a disability.

Amongst the other 50 children attending Gan Harmony is David, who has spina bifida, Avital, who is visually impaired, Rachel, who has a learning disability, and Boaz, who has a rare neurological disorder. Their friends, Noam, Miriam, Zev and Shira do not have disabilities, but their days together in Gan Harmony are a learning opportunity which, their teachers and parents say, have benefitted all the children.

Although the integration of children with disabilities into regular schools is a relatively common and well-known educational practice in the United States, it is only beginning to emerge in Israel as a viable option. Gan Harmony was established in 1985 by Joan Schrensky, an American immigrant from New Jersey, who after 25-years experience in special education in America, decided to put these skills and knowledge to use in Jerusalem.

Established in 1985, the Gan has a long waiting list of disabled and healthy children, all hoping to benefit from the commitment and dedication of the staff.

"In the beginning, I convinced four families to let their children be in a class with five disabled children and was given six months to demonstrate that it could work. After that initial period, another 20 families wanted their children to participate and contributed funds that allowed me to rent an apartment, which I converted into a kindergarten.

"Five years later, we have over 15 staff and a long waiting list. Currently, we have 21 disabled children and 26 non-disabled children between the ages of two and six integrated into four classes."

In addition to the usual kindergarten activities, a regular day at Harmony includes speech therapy, occupational therapy and music therapy which benefits all of the children. A distinct advantage of Gan Harmony is the high staff ratio in comparison to the usual ratio of two staff for 30 children in regular kindergartens.

Educational co-ordinator Minna Paltiel has worked at Gan Harmony for three years and has been intimately involved in the development and expansion of its services.

"Although the work is incredibly demanding and challenging, the commitment and dedication amongst the staff make it very rewarding. There is an optimistic atmosphere in the kindergarten and each child's progress is helped along by the interest and co-operation of the parents.

In 1988, the Israeli Knesset passed a law that entitles all children to an integrated education, however the educational authorities have seven years to implement this law and are hampered by limited resources.

Twins Reuven and Dov both attend Gan Harmony, with Reuven, who has Down's Syndrome, receiving special therapy and Dov, who does not have a disability, taking great pride in his brother's progress. Watching them interact, and Reuven's confidence with the other children is all the proof one needs of the benefits of an integated kindergarten.

"If Reuven would have attended a school for disabled children, his social and verbal skills would not have developed to the extent that they have in Gan Harmony," Paltiel said.

"Here, children with disabilities learn to copy the behavior of their peers, who do not have a disability, and this enables them to develop their potential to its maximum."

In order to enable disabled children living outside Jerusalem to be integrated into an environment which provides maximal educational, social and emotional opportunities, Gan Harmony has established an outreach program.

Schrensky said: "The aim of the outreach program is to promote and develop community awareness of the importance and benefits of integration for both disabled and non-disabled children. It also provides hands-on practical support.

"Members of our staff, for example, regularly travel to Kiryat Shmona in the north of Israel to assist and advise teachers about strategies for successful integration and to discuss educational options with parents of disabled children.

"These families are used to an innovative and progressive education, Schrensky said.

"Parents are encouraged to visit the kindergarten and are continually updated on their child's progress. Initially, there was reluctance and, naturally, parents were concerned that the non-disabled children would 'miss out' if educated with disabled children."

Another parent commented on her own initial reluctance to send her non-disabled child to Gan Harmony.

"Most people get a shock when they first encounter disabled children, and they cannot envisage their own normal children mixing with them," she said. "However, from accounts in the local community, I came to the conclusion that Gan Harmony could provide an excellent education within a very caring environment. I have not regretted my decision at all."

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Community outside walled city attracts tourists

By
HELGA ABRAHAM

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— A Yoel Salomon Street cafe bar advertises free cocktails for its happy hour.

Next door, a tiny Chassidic synagogue encourages passers by to join its afternoon service. Up above, a pretty flowered balcony offers hand-crafted ceramics for sale.

In the narrow alleyways behind Yoel Salomon, more little synagogues can be found juxtaposed between art galleries and restaurants. And at the southern end of the street, in a handsome, newly renovated building with arches and gabled roof, Israel's newest English news magazine, The Jerusalem Report, prepares its first editions.

Such is the unique character of Nahlat Shiva: a maze of little alleys and one-storey houses sandwiched between the main thoroughfares of Ben Yehuda, Jaffa and Hillel. The third oldest Jewish neighborhood to have been built outside the city walls, Nahlat Shiva today combines a distinctive blend of old and new and, since its recent facelift, has become a major calling point for tourists and Jerusalemites.

The very name Nahlat Shiva (Heritage of the Seven) and its streets tell the unique story of how seven courageous men of vision came together in 1869 to found a new Jewish community outside the walled city. Courageous they were indeed, for in 1869, despite the terrible overcrowding and unbearable conditions that existed in the Old City, few Jews dared venture out, let alone attempt to live in what was to them unknown and unprotected territory. Mishkenot ha'ananim, established in 1860, and Mahane Yisrael, established in 1868, the two new communities that had been established beyond the walls a few years earlier, were still small and undeveloped.

But the increasing necessity of establishing new urban quarters for Jerusalem's Jews, made even more urgent by the cholera epidemic of 1866, spurred seven well-to-do Ashkenazim — Josef Rivlin, Yoel Salomon, Michl Hacohen, Leib Hurwitz, Beinish Salant, Yehoshua Yellin and Chaim Halevy — to seek a plot of land for development outside the walls.

On the pretext that they needed the land in order to grow wheat for Passover matzot, they persuaded Arab vendors to circumvent Ottoman legislation and sell them a field. Only Turkish nationals were permitted to acquire land, so registration of the purchase was made in the name of

Nahlat Shiva is undergoing a facelift to restore the neighborhood's character.

Leib Hurwitz's wife, Esther, a Turkish subject. Mrs. Hurwitz nonetheless deemed it prudent to dress in the guise of an Arab woman when she went to sign the documents in the presence of the Turkish Kadi.

Duly purchased and registered, the field was divided into seven lots for each of the founders, but such was the mood and fears of the time — many Jews believed that the Torah forbade them to leave the Old City — that only Rivlin had the courage to make the move and build a home for himself on the new land. Since his wife, too, refused to abandon the security of the walls, Rivlin was obliged to live entirely alone for several years. He ensured his safety by planting trees around his house, erecting a stone wall and installing a bell and flashes on his roof to sound the alarm, should danger arise.

When, three years later, his friends saw that Rivlin was still alive and well, they, too, followed. By 1875, the seven little houses they had built had become 50 and included a synagogue — the first outside the walls of the Old City — a bakery and a printing press.

By 1890, the population numbered 120, and, by the turn of the century, Nahlat Shiva was a bustling community of artisans and shopkeepers of Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Greek, Moghrabim, Orthodox and secular — all living in harmony.

With the rapid growth of the new city, however, the quarter found itself dwarfed and encircled by modern buildings. Its own, meantime, had fallen into disrepair and original facades lay hidden under tin roofs and makeshift extensions.

Occupying a prime site in Jerusalem's central business sector and in need of a major overhaul, Nahlat Shiva was slated for demolition to make room for roads and office blocks. Then in 1988, as final plans to raze the quarter were about to be put in motion, it was agreed that Nahlat Shiva be saved for posterity.

"We succeeded in passing a rescue plan at the 11th hour," explained Yitzhak Yacobi, director of the Jerusalem Development Corporation. "This put the quarter under a preservation order for renovation and development."

The task was entrusted to Yacobi. A historian by profession, Hungarian-born Yacobi has been responsible for changing the face of Jerusalem, renovating Yemin Moshe in the '60s, the Jewish Quarter in the '70s, Ben Yehuda Street in the '80s and now Nahlat Shiva.

"We want Nahlat Shiva to become one of the city's main shopping centres with elegant boutiques and restaurants. Residents will be able to stay on in spite of the renovations. The back streets, with their authentic countryards and wells, will be developed in such a way as to preserve the character of the quarter."

The extensive renovation work involved replacing water, telephone and electricity systems. Facades were repainted and sandblasted, iron grillwork repaired and shutters renewed, revealing the beautiful features of the original 19th century structures. To add a touch of charm and individuality to the quarter, shutters and shop signs were painted blue and balconies sprayed in a bright array of colors.

"We wanted Nahlat Shiva to come alive."

Paved over with Jerusalem white-and-pink stone mixed with black Galilee basalt, Yoel Salomon Street now is a thriving pedestrian mall of cafes and restaurants, pizza bars and pubs, artisans and upholsterers. Completed in time for Nahlat Shiva's 120th birthday, the new mall was inaugurated in 1989 to the sounds of chamber, folk and klezmer music, and in the presence of 300 descendants of the quarter's seven original founders, who came from all over the world to attend the celebration.

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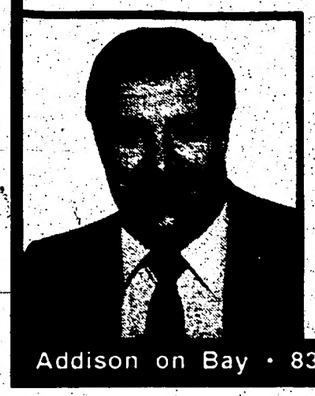
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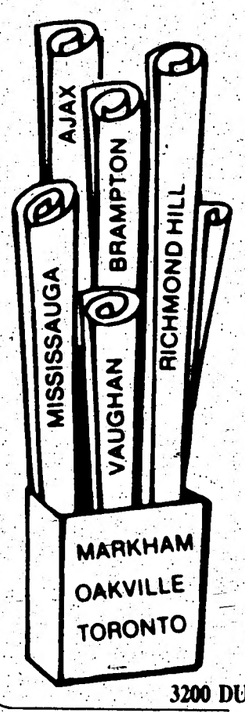

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Project Renewal helps area shed slum image

By
HELGA ABRAHAM

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Noticing Jerusalem's Shmuel Hanavi neighborhood these days is easy.

Its handsome white neo-Gothic building and gaily flowered balconies stand out in sharp contrast to the sober dwellings of neighboring Mea Shearim and hardly bespeak of a troubled neighborhood, let alone a no-go-zone where crime and violence reign.

Dramatic changes, however, have taken place in Shmuel Hanavi through the work of Project Renewal and the sponsorship of Washington, D.C.'s Jewish community. In one decade, the neighborhood has transformed itself from a slum to an attractive residential area.

Established in the 1950s at the northernmost tip of the city, facing Jordanian lines, Shmuel Hanavi was conceived and built primarily as a buffer-zone. Its 22 elongated blocks were laid out in a zig-zag pattern to prevent easy access by Jordanian tanks, walls were three times the normal thickness and windows tiny, giving the neighborhood an unwelcoming garrison look.

When the Six-Day War erupted, Shmuel Hanavi found itself at the centre of intense fighting. It became the jumping-off point for Israeli paratroopers as they made their way north towards Ammunition Hill and bullet holes from those days can still be seen today on the facades of those blocks that previously faced the no man's land dividing Israel from Jordan.

In the aftermath of the war, the neighborhood underwent a rapid cycle of neglect and deterioration. As efforts were concentrated on building the new communities of Maalot Dafna and Ramat Eshkol, Shmuel Hanavi was left to fend for itself. This resulted in its predominantly Sephardi population, consisting of low-income families and new immigrants from North Africa, soon falling prey to an array of social problems — overcrowding, unemployment, crime, drugs and a school drop-out rate of 60 per cent.

Street gangs began roaming the neighborhood vandalizing cars, puncturing tires and smashing windows — riots and disturbances were regular occurrences, and there were also mysterious deaths.

By the mid '70s, residents of Shmuel Hanavi were living in a state of siege, and the recognition that something had to be done sprung from within the community itself. Committees were formed in every block and demonstrations organized to call attention to the plight of Shmuel Hanavi.

Conceives new approach

Simultaneously, the government of Israel, led at the time by Menachem Begin, and the Jewish Agency, conceived an entirely new approach to urban renewal. Jews in the Diaspora would be encouraged to participate in the modernization of the country, not only by making donations, but by adopting specific social projects and individual neighborhoods in Israel.

Thus was born Project Renewal, through which over 100 disadvantaged neighborhoods have been successfully twinned with parent communities in the Diaspora. For Shmuel Hanavi, Project Renewal marked a turning point in its history. It now had a commitment on the part of Washington's Jewish community to contribute to its social and physical rehabilitation.

In 1980, Project Renewal teams began their work by creating a wide variety of social programs to tackle the problems caused by drugs, broken homes and unemployment and to help meet the needs of the community's old people and high percentage of large families. Shmuel Hanavi residents, for the first time, were given access to social workers and counsellors, while street workers were sent out to persuade teenage dropouts to enter trade schools and enrol in vocational training.

Community centres were enlarged and new learning centres created, with the result that today, three-quarters of all Shmuel Hanavi children benefit from extra tuition, amounting to 12 hours a week, provided by Project Renewal. Those who attend these supplementary classes are offered a free recreation course in football, flute, organ, karate or model-making.

Shmuel Hanavi's community centre also offers youngsters ballet classes, where Russian stars Valery and Galina Panov are regular visitors. Senior citizens can take part in craft, language and osteoporosis exercise classes.

When progress was felt to have been made in the social domain and crime reduced, Project Renewal then took on the physical rehabilitation of the neighborhood. Residents were asked what they desired, in the form of renovation.

"They all said they wanted something different," said Project Renewal manager Amonon Elian.

"And that's exactly what we gave them. We launched an architectural competition, and the community itself chose the winning entry."

An innovative design, whose decorative features and ornamental trims are quite unlike standard Israeli architecture, the new plan involved transforming and modernizing every block, entirely renewing facades, enlarging windows and creating extra space for every family.

Project Renewal has been a blessing for troubled Jerusalem neighborhoods that have been reconditioned.

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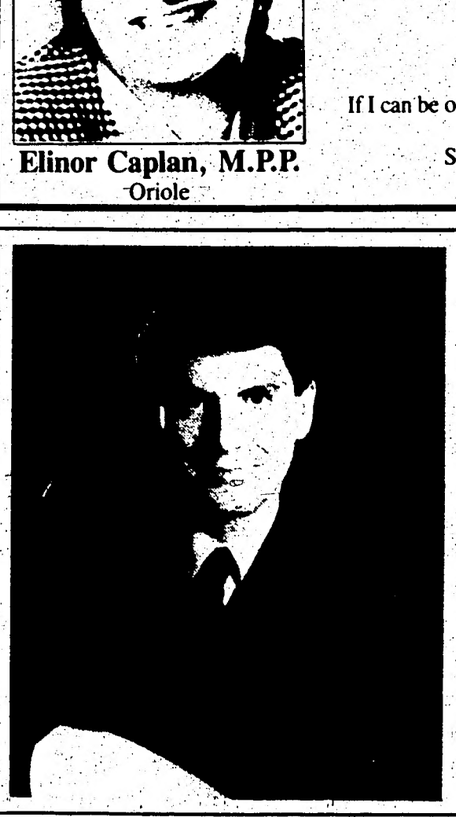

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